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Terrorist assault shakes up Israel

By
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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's self-confidence has been badly shaken by the terrorist attack last week in which a lone assailant managed to kill six soldiers and wounded seven before he himself was gunned down.

One lesson immediately learned from the incident is that Palestinian tactics have changed. The popular image of the terrorist as a coward who will only attack unarmed civilians — women and children — has suffered a jolt.

Last week's suicide mission proved that some terrorists at least are ready to go up against the "invincible" Israel Defence Force itself, and not simply by stabbing a soldier in a crowded marketplace. The terrorist who sailed over the electrified fences of the Lebanon-Israel border in a hang-glider powered by a small bicycle motor showed daring worthy of IDF commandos.

The terrorists demonstrated they are capable of careful planning and have good intelligence. The single raider landed within easy walking distance of an IDF military encampment and he chose to attack it rather than the town of Kiryat Shemona a few miles to the west.

He caught the IDF off-guard and inflicted serious casualties in a short time. They might have been much worse had a second terrorist not landed his glider in the southern Lebanon security zone, just short of the Israel border. He was found and killed by an IDF search patrol alerted after the initial attack.

The IDF high command is doing some serious soul-searching. Lack of preparedness and, much worse, complacency, were evident at the military camp in upper Galilee. Some observers have likened the local situation to that which prevailed before the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Gen. Dan Shomron, the IDF chief of staff, and Gen. Yossi Peled, commander of the northern sector, have admitted publicly that something was terribly wrong with the way the security system functioned, or failed to function.

A division commander, whose unit was the one attacked, has already prepared his letter of resignation, it was reported Sunday. Other heads are expected to roll in the senior ranks of the IDF.

But while the military is apparently prepared to acknowledge its mistakes and evaluate the painful lessons, the political echelons so far have only pointed their fingers at Syria as the culprit ultimately responsible for the attack.

Shomron told military correspondents Friday there was no doubt that the attack was carried out by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, a small terrorist group headed by Ahmed Jabril. It is known to operate under Syrian protection and is considered unlikely to have mounted the commando attack without Syrian approval and probably complicity.

Esther Leah Ritz, chairman of the Shroder Award Committee, is seen here with Herb Rosenfeld, Michael Benjamin and Steven Ain, who jointly accepted this year's Major City award on behalf of Toronto Jewish Congress at the 56th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

CJF awards for Toronto, Calgary

Two communities honored

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

NEW YORK — The coveted Shroder Award, presented by the North American Council of Jewish Federations in recognition of innovative community projects and programs, has been won this year by Toronto Jewish Congress in the Major City category.

In the Small City category, the Calgary Jewish Community Council jointly with its Second Generation Chapter (children of Holocaust survivors) received the 1987 Shroder Award for its "Blueprint for Human Rights" symposia.

The awards were presented recently in Miami at the 56th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, which was attended by lay leaders and communal professionals from some 200 central Jewish community organizations in the United States and Canada.

Accepting the award on behalf of Toronto Jewish Congress were its president, Herb Rosenfeld; Steven Ain, executive director; and Michael Benjamin.

Benjamin chairs the Kehilla Residential Program, a constituent agency of TJC which initiated and administers the facility known as MARC — Mutually Assisting Residential Community — and the project which garnered this year's Shroder distinction.

The MARC concept, fully integrated with the existing Jewish community resources of TJC, is the culmination of many years of searching for alternative housing options and a mutually supportive environment for fixed- or low-income seniors, single-parent families, families with special social needs, and the handicapped.

The facility, opened in 1985, contains 90 apartment units of varying sizes and currently has full occupancy with an attendant waiting list of applicants.

Michael Benjamin has been associated with the Kehilla program since its inception. He views the Shroder Award with special gratification "for the attention it calls to MARC's potential for problem-solving, not only in Toronto but in other Jewish communities. Its success here proves its viability."

To Herb Rosenfeld, "the award speaks volumes about the centrality and dynamics of Toronto Jewish Congress, and the commitment of our lay and professional leadership to fostering Jewish communal excellence."

The Calgary program was created to combat racism and bigotry existing in Alberta for decades. Its objectives were to teach the

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Large Chagall exhibit in works for Montreal

MONTREAL — The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts will hold an exhibition of the works of Russian-born Jewish artist Marc Chagall next year, the largest ever shown in North America.

The exhibition, consisting of about 150 paintings and graphic works, will run from Nov. 4, 1988 to Feb. 5, 1989.

Jean-Louis Prat, director the the Maeght Foundation in France and a friend of the late Chagall, will serve as guest curator of the exhibition. The Foundation, an important patron of the arts, is located in Saint-Paul-de-Vince, the town in southern France where Chagall died in March 1985 at the age of 97. There is a museum of his work in nearby Nice.

Born Marc Segal in Vitebsk, Russia, Chagall is considered by many to be the greatest Jewish artist of the 20th century. In a style that became the forerunner of surrealism, Chagall drew much of his subject matter from Jewish life and folklore, which he rendered with a fairy-tale-like naivete. His paintings are characterized by their bright colors and whimsy.

His well known works can be found in such institutions as New York's Museum of Modern Art and the Art Institute in Chicago.

In 1962, Chagall designed the 12 stained glass windows for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre's synagogue in Jerusalem. He also created two vast murals for the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

Shortly before his death, the Royal Academy of Arts in London staged a 3-month retrospective exhibition of more than 100 pieces of his work.

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B'nai B'rith ordered to pay $400,000

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

In the largest penalty of its kind in Canadian legal history, the Winnipeg branch of the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights was ordered to pay $400,000 and its former chairman, Israel Ludwig, $1, by a jury last week to Luba Fedorkiw, a Winnipeg teacher, former school trustee and unsuccessful Progressive Conservative candidate in the 1984 federal election, for defamation of character.

Fedorkiw brought suit against the League and Ludwig as a result of a story which appeared in the Winnipeg Sun, a morning tabloid, at the height of the last federal election campaign, which reported on the League's investigations into allegations of anti-semitism coming from her campaign. She was alleged to have said that Olga Fuga, her opponent for the PC nomination in north Winnipeg, was "controlled by the Jews." Former Winnipeg city councillor Fuga, of Ukrainian extraction like Fedorkiw, is active in the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

The allegations came to the attention of David Matas, past chairman and member of the League for Human Rights, who brought the matter up at the League's May meeting. As was common practice, the allegation and Fedorkiw's name were listed in the minutes of the meeting and mailed to the League's 35 members in Winnipeg.

In his closing statement to the jury, Fedorkiw's lawyer, Norm Cuddy, faulted the League for the sloppiness of its procedures. "The League should have been aware that, in a racially mixed neighborhood such as Winnipeg North during an election campaign, the allegations against Fedorkiw were akin to a bomb," he said.

"If it became public knowledge, it could destroy her campaign. Yet, League members were not cautioned about confidentiality. The allegations were sent to 35 Winnipeg homes. A nasty rumor became a nasty statement in the public domain. It was blown out of proportion."

As a matter of course, the allegation and the League's interest in it came to the attention of the Winnipeg Sun and reporter Robin Chase. Chase phoned a League member who was described in court as a person who was known to be willing to talk to the press. He freely gave Chase, over the phone, details of the minutes of the League's deliberations over Fedorkiw based on his copy of the minutes.

Although Knox Foster, lawyer for Ludwig and the League, conceded there had been no admonitions about secrecy, he noted that it was clearly understood that only the chairman, Ludwig, was authorized to speak about League deliberations to the press.

The newspaper story itself wasn't the issue. In the article, Ludwig reported the League had found no basis to the allegation against

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Early deadline

Because the holiday season is upon us, with possible confusion in the mails, we have set the deadline for all organizational news and features as Monday, Dec. 7 (in Toronto) covering the issues of Dec. 17, 24 and Jan. 7. There will be NO ISSUE on Dec. 31.

Your cooperation is absolutely essential, as our schedules have been changed for the month and if you miss the deadline, your news cannot get into print.

Must fly flags, yeshivas are told

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The national flag will have to fly at all yeshivot receiving government money. Last week's decision by the Knesset interior committee to make the same requirement of yeshivot as of universities was confirmed at a subsequent session.

Member of Knesset Avraham Verdiger, of the religious Morasha Party, made an unsuccessful attempt at the meeting to revoke the committee's decision on the Symbols and Flag Law.

In an effort to differentiate between yeshivot and universities, Verdiger declared that universities are "dens of iniquity where drugs, lewdness and prostitution are rife." He also warned that yeshivot would ignore the law.

Certain ultra-Orthodox Jews inside and outside Israel do not recognize the state, saying only the Messiah can herald the establishment of the Jewish state.

World-National

Tombstone restorers merit help

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

During the last few months thousands of people around the world have been celebrating the 100th anniversary of Esperanto, an artificial language invented by a Polish Jew, Dr. Ludwik Lejzer Zamenhof. The Bialystok physician, who achieved worldwide renown for his ingenious invention, considered his attempt to create a universal means of communication as a contribution to peace among nations. He died in 1917, during the worst days of the First World War, but his ideals were not forgotten. There are still some 100,000 adherents in many countries, including Canada, who speak Esperanto and who produce magazines and books in that tongue.

Rabbi Plaut

Some weeks ago I wrote a piece on the subject in the Globe and Mail and received some interesting comments. I would like to share one of them with you, because it touches on a subject which is much on many Jewish minds.

Results praised

One of my correspondents, David B. Greenspan, wrote the following: "Dr. Zamenhof's tombstone still stands in the Warsaw Jewish cemetery. I paid tribute to him and to oh so many others (Peretz, Ansky, Esther Kaminska, Balaban, Rabbi Sonnenberg) when I was there on a pilgrimage with my mother and three cousins in September."

The writer found Zamenhof's *matsevah* in good shape. His letter goes on to tell of a woman, Monika Krajeska, who leads a group of young Polish Jews and Catholics who have dedicated themselves to restoring selective cemeteries and tombstones, not only in Warsaw but elsewhere in Poland as well. "We saw excellent results of their work in the Lublin cemetery. She (and her husband) are the authors of an extraordinary book, *Time of Silence*, and I'm trying to raise some money to help them do their work. . . ."

Mr. Greenspan enclosed a copy of prospectus published by the Citizens' Committee for the Protection of Jewish Cemeteries and Cultural Monuments in Poland. Here are some excerpts:

"Before World War II there were over 3 million Jews in Poland, more than one third of all European Jewry, and 10% of the Polish population. Hitler's Nazism brought about their total destruction. . . .

Little survived

"The German conquerors, having murdered the people, also systematically destroyed the signs of their culture. . . . Pitifully little has survived this spoilation. . . . There are a few hundred Jewish cemeteries in Poland, a few large ones, containing tens of thousands of gravestones (as in Warsaw, Cracow, Lodz or Wroclaw [Breslau]), and many smaller ones, containing anything from a few score to one thousand gravestones — in the main broken and damaged. As for the rest — about 200 in all — they hardly qualify for the name any longer; the gravestones were removed by the Germans for paving roads and yards." In some places the fragments of the gravestones were used by the committee to erect monuments commemorating the extermination of the Jews."

The restoration work is slow, but recently some hundred stones were unearthed in the Warsaw cemetery and placed back on new foundations. According to the pamphlet, most of the funds have been supplied by the Polish government, but the committee needs additional monies and hopes that former Polish Jews from around the world will help out.

(If any readers are interested in this project, they may wish to write to David B. Greenspan, at Suite 3100, 300 Bay St., Toronto M5H 1W2, or communicate directly with the committee at 00-842 Warszawa, ul Lucka 1/3/5.)

U.S. budget-cutting agreement

Proposal would spare Israeli aid

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — Under the terms of the tentative budget-reduction agreement worked out between Congressional and administration leaders, Israel and other U.S. foreign aid recipients are likely to be spared any cuts in their proposed assistance.

If the tentative pact is approved by Congress in the coming weeks — as is expected albeit following a bitter fight — the mandatory across-the-board Gramm-Rudman "sequestration" of funds will be avoided.

If the deal is rejected and the automatic budget-cutting provisions go into effect, Israel will stand to lose approximately $140 million of its total $3 billion in economic and military assistance.

Therefore, Israel officials and their American supporters are anxiously hoping that the deal will be approved by both houses of Congress before the mid-December deadline.

During their intense negotiations last month, the Congressional and administration leadership reached agreement on more than $75 billion in budget savings over the next two years. But while they cut many domestic and defence-related programs, they decided to leave the so-called "Function 150" foreign aid items untouched.

"That was great news for Israel," one pro-Israeli source on Capitol Hill commented.

During a meeting with President Ronald Reagan on Nov. 20, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir expressed Israel's deep concern about any reductions in U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel.

"We expressed our worries about the coming cuts in the American budget," Shamir told reporters following his session with Reagan at the White House. "We would like that this problem is solved for the benefit of the United States, and we have also our own worries about it because we need this very important and vital assistance that serves the interests of the free world and the United States."

Shamir, addressing a public forum in Washington, said: "We would not like to see such cuts." But he acknowledged that the outcome remained "cloudy."

He also expressed hope that the U.S. would "compensate" Israel for its decision to cancel the Lavi jet fighter project. He said the U.S. had earlier promised Israel that there would be high-technology cooperation in several fields, but he did not announce any new agreements.

The U.S. and Israel completed three days of formal strategic cooperation talks last week. Israeli officials said that any major announcements in future areas of cooperation would come during Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's scheduled visit to Washington in mid-December.

In general, though, Israeli officials have been rather disappointed in what they regard as the slow pace of military-related financial agreements in the aftermath of the Lavi cancellation.

Shamir expressed hope that the U.S. and Israel would reach an agreement to develop and produce a new Anti-Tactical Ballistic Missile (ATBM), known as the Arrow. "It's important to develop it," he said.

But even as he sought to underscore the "very painful" effect of the cancellation of the Lavi, Shamir insisted that 1987 was economically emerging as the most successful year for Israel since 1972, the year before the Yom Kippur War.

While there were still "many problems" facing the Israeli economy, the Prime Minister noted that inflation this year was expected to wind up at about 15 or 16% — compared to 20% last year. He said the country's real growth in its gross national product would wind up at 4%. Exports, he added, had increased by 10%. And foreign investment in Israel, he said, had also increased.

But despite that progress, he insisted that Israel remained dependent on U.S. financial assistance. He noted, for example, that the entire $1.2 billion in U.S. economic grants actually remains in the U.S. merely to cover the service debt for earlier provided U.S. military loans to Israel. "Not one cent remains in Israel."

He said that the $1.8 billion in military grants represents 27% of Israel's overall $6 billion defence budget. But the Prime Minister maintained that this was actually modest compared to what the U.S. spends to shore up the defence of other friendly Western nations.

Shamir confirmed that the U.S. and Israel have still failed to sign a formal agreement restricting Israel's transfer of U.S.-provided technology to third countries. But he maintained that this was simply the result of "technical" problems, adding that Israel was not "transferring technology from West to East."

In addition to meeting with Reagan and Shultz, Shamir discussed these military related issues with the new defence secretary, Frank Carlucci, the new National Security advisor in the White House, Colin Powell, and Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Affairs Richard Armitage.

Meanwhile, while waiting for the budget-reduction process in Congress to unfold, several pro-Israeli lawmakers are already moving quickly to try to pass legislation enabling Israel to refinance about half of its outstanding $11 billion U.S. debt.

Youthful indiscretions win liberal *or* conservative break

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

Ever since Douglas Ginsburg disappeared in a puff of smoke, there have been a great many questions about the political aftereffects of "youthful indiscretions" and "youthful transgressions." Many want to know whether anyone in public life is going to be forgiven the past. Shouldn't there be a "statute of limitations" for misbehavior?

Even William Bennett, the U.S. secretary of education who made the fateful telephone call to Ginsburg, has begun to waffle on the subject. The man who nearly joined the radical Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in college now says: "Youthful indiscretions should not be a bar to public office and public trust. The question is when, what were the circumstances, what were your responsibilities."

But statements like these only make the situation fuzzier. My own ear is now buzzing with anxious demands for much clearer guidelines on "indiscretions and transgressions."

These concerns, needless to say, come from college students with an interest in pursuing public life. Having grown up during the "just say no" era, most of these students have barely begun to transgress. They want desperately to know how much time they have before the window of opportunity is forever closed to them.

I personally think they have the right to such crucial information. So in the spirit of full disclosure, I have used the experience of 1987 to draw a preliminary list of youthful "I's and T's" and the likely costs. Costs vary depending on whether you look to a conservative or liberal future.

What follows is Goodman's Statute of Limitations.

(1) On the subject of drugs:

The rule for conservative youth is that you can survive revelations of a toke of marijuana only if you were still an undergraduate. Allowances will be made if you were at college on the East or West Coast.

Liberals will be forgiven for occasional pot-smoking all the way through graduate school or through their 20s, whichever ends first. It is, however, necessary to stop when you become a parent. (Warning: Under no condition should you admit that you quit smoking marijuana because you were afraid of being caught by the children.)

(2) On the subject of sex:

Here, conservatives get a break. It is permissible now, as Pat Robertson proved, to have sex, or "sow wild oats" as long as it is before marriage. But you must show your conversion by coming out strongly for teen-age chastity, and against abortion and birth control, once you are a candidate.

Liberals are allowed to have pre-marital sex also, but it must be "responsible," "non-exploitative" and in the context of a caring relationship with someone who won't rat on you later for being an insensitive lover. Liberals are permitted sex between marriages under the same conditions. Once married, however, a liberal male is not allowed to wander unless he and his wife have a public agreement.

(3) On the matter of plagiarism:

Liberals, who put much faith in literature and read footnotes, take this very, very seriously. It's okay only if you do it in a required freshman paper immediately after your father's funeral.

Conservatives don't feel as strongly about this. But they prefer to plagiarize the scriptures. After all, as Bennett himself semi-quoted: "Doesn't the Bible itself say we all sin? St. Paul, seven times a day? We're sinners."

There are other indiscretions and transgressions, youthful and otherwise, that didn't make this list. Some sins may even be useful in your public career. Sloth may get you to the White House. Alcoholism, if we are to believe Michael Deaver, may turn into a handy defence against perjury, even in mid-life.

More to the point, a certain amount of youthful misbehavior — getting carded at the college beer hall, for instance — may work to your advantage in later life. It allows you to make a confession and be praised for your honesty. This works best if you have become too uptight (liberal or conservative).

Above all else, remember that whatever you do now you must deeply and sincerely and publicly regret later. If this doesn't appeal to you, skip politics altogether. Try something else. Try writing about politics. Being a journalist means never having to say you're sorry.

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Female candidates demanded on religious party slate

Women issue could cause breakaway from NRP

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
The women's section of Israel's National Religious Party is threatening to break away from the party if some of its nominees are not included on the slate fielded in next year's elections, says an Emunah official.

Hana Melamed, a member of the secretariat and national executive of Emunah of Israel (the National Religious Women's Organization), said there is resistance among the male hierarchy of the party to allowing women to run for Knesset seats. In the last election, no women were included on the NRP slate.

Such was not always the case; the NRP has had two women sit in the Knesset. Tova Sanhedrai was deputy chairman of the Knesset and the current president of Emunah, Sarah Stein Kattan, is a former MK.

Melamed, supervisor of the Emunah schools and dormitories, recently completed a 2-week tour of Canada to encourage membership in Emunah Women of Canada (formerly Mizrachi Women). She visited Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Edmonton and Vancouver, where the religious women's Zionist organization's 1,600 members are scattered.

Emunah has about 10,000 children in its 140 day care centres throughout the country and about 3,000 students in its 11 elementary and high schools and community college. Emunah also sponsors five educational programs for illiterate women, and organizes teacher-parent groups and Bible clubs.

A new Emunah project is after-school programs where children from poor families or broken homes can come for help with homework, enrichment courses, a hot meal and even a shower.

Hana Melamed

Emunah has traditionally devoted itself to the education of religious girls and women, but some of its schools are co-ed up to the age of 15 and many of the children it serves are from underprivileged families or are immigrants, not necessarily Orthodox. Emunah, Melamed noted, was the first organization to see to the basic needs of Ethiopian children, many of them without parents, upon their arrival in Israel.

Emunah has 70,000 members in about 70 chapters in Israel, Melamed said. Its network of schools and day care centres is smaller than those of the other major women's organizations, WIZO and Na'amat, but Emunah's are "known as the best," according to Melamed, "for the quality of education, as well as the love and warmth they offer. We have waiting lists to get in."

At the community college in Baka, a suburb of Jerusalem, young women learn to be computer operators, dental technicians, graphic artists and nursery teachers. Courses in business administration will soon be added.

Melamed said many graduates of Emunah high schools go on to university, and all are expected to complete their compulsory military service. Those who do not serve are not accepted into the community college, Melamed said.

Emunah Women of Canada have several projects in Israel, including the Neve Michael, a youth village in Pardas Chana established in 1942, and the new Tiberias High School for girls, as well as 10 day care centres.

Neve Michael has an elementary school with 240 boys and girls, a high school for 80 girls and five dormitories on its premises. Among those who have attended is Yitzchak Mayer, a former Israeli consul general in Montreal and now head of the World Zionist Organization's Torah education department.

The Canadian organization also built the dormitory at the Sarah Herzog School in the Bnei Brak district of Tel Aviv. This school, run in conjunction with ORT, offers religious girls instruction in such areas as secretarial work, computers and draftsmanship. The school is named for the President's mother, founder of Emunah.

Emunah relies on donations from abroad for about 10% of its annual budget, she said. "We are asking Canadian women to join us in the work."

Emunah Women of Canada executive director Roslyn Schneidman said Emunah activities in Canada include dinners, bazaars, theatre evenings, maleva malkas and a Mother-in-Israel program, under which an individual child is sponsored at one of the organization's schools.

Any Jewish woman, regardless of religious orientation, is eligible to join Emunah Women. Schneidman pointed out that Emunah Women in Canada enjoy an equitable relationship with Mizrachi Men. Two of the five United Torah coalition members going to the World Zionist Congress in Israel this month are women: Dorothy Zeifman of Toronto and Schneidman.

Bess Silber of Montreal is president of Emunah Women of Canada.

North American campaign chairman

William Belzberg gets Bonds post

NEW YORK —
William Belzberg, who with his brothers Samuel and Hyman founded First City Trust, has been elected State of Israel Bonds' North American campaign chairman.

Belzberg, who was U.S. national chairman for the last two years, will take over his new position on Jan. 1.

In making the announcement, David Hermelin, Bonds' international campaign chairman, thanked Belzberg for his key role in the Bonds' campaign record sales of $603 million (U.S.) last year and the outstanding results so far this year.

Since the Bonds program began in 1951, the organization has sold more than $8.4 billion (U.S.) of Israel's financial instruments. Israel has repaid more than $4.6 billion (U.S.).

Belzberg is a resident of Beverly Hills, Calif. where he heads First City's U.S. activities in real estate, oil and gas development, and acquisitions. First City Trust is one of Canada's largest trust companies.

Long active in the Los Angeles and national Israel Bond campaigns, Belzberg was awarded the prestigious Ben-Gurion Centennial Medal in 1986.

In 1983 he was the recipient of the Golda Meir Leadership Award, presented annually to a Jewish leader who has distinguished himself in promoting Israel's economic progress.

William Belzberg

Belzberg is chairman of the Board of the Far West Financial Corp. and Far West Savings and Loan Association as well as President of First City Industries.

He is a founder of the Yeshiva University of Los Angeles and the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies. He serves on the boards of a number of educational and philanthropical groups including the American Friends of the Weizmann Institute in Israel.

With his brothers, he established the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation in Beverly Hills.

He and his wife, Barbara, are affiliated with Temple Sinai in West Los Angeles.

Syrian Jews in torture centre

TORONTO —
Five Syrian Jews are being held incommunicado by the Syrian Mukhabarat (secret police) in a facility known to be an interrogation centre, where prisoners are frequently tortured, says the National Task Force for Syrian Jews of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Faraj Dirzieh, Kassam Ghounegeh and Moussa Khalife, 15 and 16 years old, tried to leave the country some time ago. They disappeared and were not heard from. Last week their families learned that they had been captured by the secret police and have been in the notorious facility for the past three months.

The three young boys have been joined there by Zaki and Faraj Namroud, two Damascus Jews, who were seized by the secret police two weeks ago.

No charges have been laid against any of the five prisoners, and their families have not been allowed to visit them. A member of the secret police told one of the families that their son was "not ready to be seen" by them. The implication was clearly that the secret police did not want the family to see his physical condition.

Syria consistently prevents its Jewish citizens from emigrating, notwithstanding that it is a signatory to the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, which requires contracting countries to grant free movement across national borders to all citizens.

In the past, the secret police has held many Jews who have tried to leave Syria, subjecting many of them to physical mistreatment and releasing them, after varying periods of time, without any charges or trial.

Would-be emigrants have recently been threatened with death if they are caught.

CICF commits $10,000 to educate students

TORONTO —
The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation (CICF), at its recent board of directors meeting, committed $10,000 in annual contributions to several specific projects.

The funds will go toward the establishment of the CICF Canada Awards to assist students in Israel in furthering or completing their education, primarily in the areas of instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, literature, dance, and video and film.

The sum of $6,000 will be earmarked to set up a single award for excellence in those artistic fields. The remaining money will be allocated to deserving students in all artistic endeavors, from beginners to graduates, says CICF national president Lily Barr.

The program, Barr says, serves as a focus for Canadian donors, who will be able to "see where their money is going." The CICF Canada Awards will also supplement existing and future scholarships, which can be privately endowed through the CICF, she added.

The objectives of the CICF, Barr said, "are to build cultural bridges between Canada and Israel by bringing Israeli performers and artistic exhibitions to Canada, to encourage Canadian artists to visit Israel, to provide scholarships for the study of arts, to assist artistic programs and cultural institutions in Israel, and to encourage gifts of art and grants to specific cultural projects."

Mobile unit important

One of the CICF's most important contributions to date, Barr added, has been a mobile unit that brings cultural programs to remote Israeli border settlements. The project, called Tzlil-Am (Sound of the People), features seven of these units, which deliver music, dance and other programs to about 100 culturally deprived towns and villages each month. There is a need, said Barr, for more units and for replacing of existing equipment.

To cap the board of directors meeting, the CICF hosted a concert featuring Irad Carmi, a 25-year-old Israeli flautist and recipient since 1976 of American-Israel Cultural Foundation scholarships. Carmi has also received the Adam Slater Scholarship, named at the time for a bar mitzvah boy in Montreal. Today, Carmi studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

The American-Israel Cultural Foundation was set up in 1939 to support the arts in what was then Palestine, Prof. David Samuel, chairman of the AICF advisory board, told The CJN. Today, through its various scholarships, the AICF supports 320 students worldwide. The CICF was set up in 1952 and the two organizations are now developing common policies, Samuel added.

Others at the concert and the board meeting were Toronto chapter president Sam Bresler, Montreal chapter president Sara Reitman and Ottawa chapter president Anita Wisner, Benyamin Gal-Ed, executive director of the AICF office in Israel, also attended, as did Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Benjamin Abileah and his wife, Ruth.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: There is a fruit tree in our back yard, and it hasn't produced any fruit for a few years now. May we have it removed, and replace it with a fruit-bearing tree? — Jack Weinberg, Toronto.

The Torah has concern for our environment. This is demonstrated by a law given in Deuteronomy, Chapter 20:19: "When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them; for thou mayest eat of them, but thou shalt not cut them down. . . ."

Rabbi Burak

This leads Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. to say in his commentary: "Should the trees, however, not be fruit-bearing, and hence not vital to man, then by all means let them be cut down, if military necessity demands it." Are there any other grounds for permitting them to be cut down outside of military necessity?

If when you are at war, the Torah cautions you against cutting down an apple tree, then how much more so are your hands tied when the reasons for such destruction are less compelling? What does a builder do when a tree of that kind holds up a large construction project? I'm glad you didn't ask me that question.

In order to answer your question, and others like it, we need a definition of the phrase, a fruit tree. If a tree produces only one apple, does it qualify as a fruit tree? If it does, then we may not cut down that tree. The Talmud sheds some light on this problem, in Tractate Baba Kamma, 91B:

Rav said, "A palm tree producing even one kab *of fruit may not be cut down. An objection was raised (from the following): What quantity should be on an olive tree that it should not be permitted to cut it down? A quarter of a* kab. *Olives are . . . more important."*

All of this proves that when a fruit tree doesn't produce fruit it loses its protected status. If it produces a little, we have the task of evaluating the result. A mistake can be made. One may think that the little it produces doesn't qualify it as a fruit tree, when that little really means a lot more than you think.

How much is a *kab*? The standard commentaries on the text do not bother to tell us how much is involved. The Soncino translation of Baba Kamma, 91B, doesn't bother to translate this term. Perhaps they all felt that a student who had reached the 12th volume of the 20 volumes in the Talmud doesn't need to have this term explained.

However, a dictionary of the Talmud should certainly explain it; yet all that Jastrow tells us in his dictionary is that a *kab* is "a measure of capacity, one sixth of a s'ah," and that still leaves you in the dark. This should make us appreciate the work that went into the making of the Artscroll Siddur. There, in a footnote on its translation of the k'tores, we read: "A *kab* contains a volume of approximately 40 fluid ounces. . . ."

Scholars who would like to go to the sources for an explanation of the term *kab* will find it in the Bartinoro, Tractate Challah, Chapter 2:6. There we learn that "a *kab* contains four *login*, and a *log* equals the volume of six eggs." Thus a *kab* holds the volume of 24 eggs. Small, medium, or large? That's a bit of a problem.

The question, when a fruit tree may be cut down, is discussed in the responsa of Rabbi Jacob Emden z.l. volume 1, number 76, Chassam Sofer, Y.D. responsum 102, and in Etlinger's responsa, Binyan Zion, volume 1, number 61.

But, a fruit tree that ceases to produce fruit is just an ordinary tree.

Preparing for "the unthinkable"

Students rehearse doomsday drill

By
BERNARD JOSEPHS

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Thousands of Israeli high school pupils pulled on gas masks and thought about the unthinkable one day last week as they took part in a doomsday drill aimed at preparing them to face the threat of bombardment by chemical weapons and poison gas.

Some wept and some refused to cover their faces with the black rubber masks, but most behaved calmly and followed the instructions of their teachers in what civil defence officials described as an encouraging display of self-discipline that could save many lives in a future war.

The drill, the first of its kind on such a scale, was part of a civil defence operation in the nation's schools.

A million children spent hours in bomb shelters and practiced first aid and fire fighting skills.

Four high schools were selected for special chemical attack exercises in the wake of growing concern about the potential possessed by Syria and other Arab states to hit civilian targets with such weapons.

There were nightmarish scenes as masked teachers faced classrooms full of pupils also wearing respirators while the tape recorded thunder of battle boomed through school corridors.

At the Masoreti school in Jerusalem, specially trained squads of pupils carried mock casualties into the building and bandaged their imaginary wounds. It may have been make believe, but all of them were aware that the real thing could happen any time.

Said one "medic": "This may look like fun and games and we are enjoying it in a way. But we know that this is an important drill. It is better to be ready because the next time the siren goes it might be in earnest."

Education Ministry psychologist Joe Colodner was among the observers of the exercise, together with Education Minister Yitzhak Navon and Civil defence commander Brigadier General Aharon Vardi. He said the main task of teachers in an air raid — chemical or conventional — would be to keep their charges calm and busy. Even in an exercise, this was no easy task, he observed.

"The main thing is that people have to know what to do so that there is no panic. They have to know where to go and how to behave. It is interesting that there seemed to be some confusion today. We will learn a lot from this drill."

Colodner warned that many teachers would face an agonzing situation in a real attack. "They will have to concentrate on keeping their class calm and occupied while at the same time they will be very concerned about what is happening to their own children and families," he pointed out.

Teacher Orit Elidar said that all the pupils knew what to do because they had been receiving instruction during the past two weeks. "But some didn't want to put on their gas masks. A few said they simply objected but didn't explain why and others said they were scared."

Another teacher, Galia Avissar, said some of her pupils were surprised at how comfortable the masks were. "Some said they were worried that they wouldn't feel good, but in the end they said it was not a big deal and in fact some actually enjoyed it."

Meir Vanunu urges nuclear policy debate

By
MARK KLEIN

TORONTO — The brother of former Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu says his brother's trial for espionage should be open to the public.

Meir Vanunu, 31, says the debate in Israel ". . . isn't about our nuclear policy, but whether we should even discuss our nuclear policy."

Vanunu says that without public debate on the nuclear issue, it will be impossible for his brother to get a fair trial.

Mordechai Vanunu is accused of giving details of Israel's nuclear capabilities to the London Times in September 1986.

Meir Vanunu says his brother had a crisis of conscience shortly after he started working at the Negev Nuclear research Centre in 1976. He is being held in solitary confinement and was brought to Israel after his abduction in Rome.

Issued warrant

After the Israel authorities issued a warrant for Meir's arrest, he left Israel to work on Mordechai's case from abroad. Another brother, Asher, is now working with the defence lawyer in Israel.

Meir Vanunu says that the case is attracting interest both in Israel and abroad. His brother has been nominated for a number of peace prizes including the Right Livelihood Award, known as the "alternative Nobel Prize." In Israel, there is a committee working to free his brother, and many Sephardi Jews "look up to Mordechai as a hero," Meir says.

Vanunu's speaking tour in North America is being sponsored by various peace and nuclear disarmament groups. Though unsure of his brother's fate, he says, "There is no going back. A new level of discussion about Israel's nuclear capabilities has become unavoidable."

Worked in plant

Originally from Marrakesh, Morocco, the Vanunu family emigrated to Israel in 1963. They settled in Beersheba and both Meir and Mordechai were sent to study at yeshivas.

Both brothers broke with religion after coming out of the army, and Mordechai started working in the Dimona nuclear plant in 1976. In 1978, he also began to study philosophy at Ben Gurion University in Beersheba.

Meir Vanunu began to work for his brother's release after learning the details of the abduction. "I wanted to get the story out," he says. "Mordechai was tried before the trial ever began."

Compromise on Taba sought

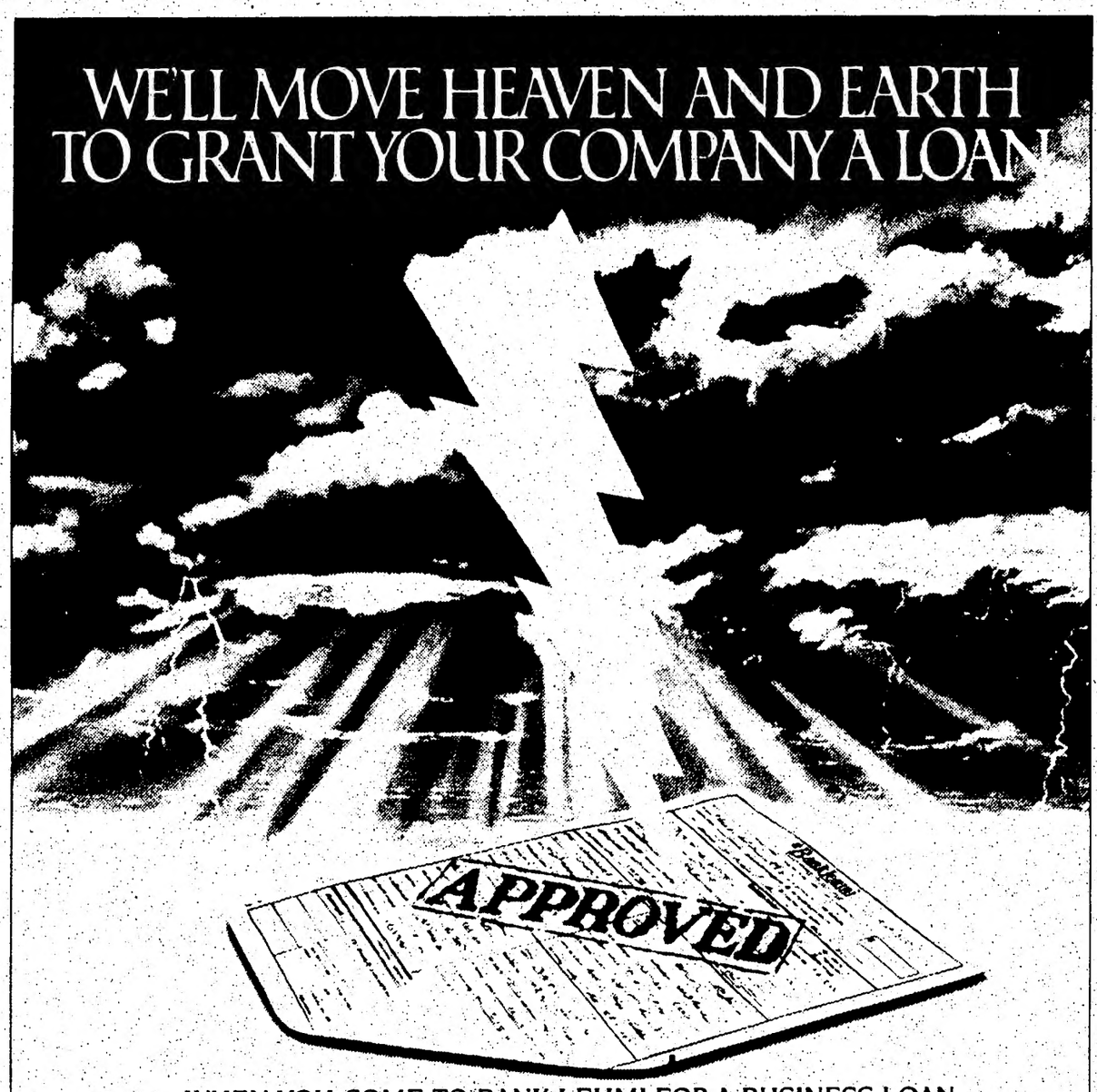
GENEVA (JTA) — Israel and Egypt, assisted by the United States, are continuing their efforts to reach a settlement of the Taba border dispute before the case goes to a panel of international legal experts this winter for binding arbitration.

Separate meetings were held here between the Israelis and Americans, the Egyptians and Americans and later between Israeli and Egyptian delegations. Their talks shifted to Paris.

Although Israel, at Egypt's insistence, agreed to binding arbitration last year, the door was left open to conciliation — meaning compromise — which Israel clearly prefers. At stake is ownership of Taba, a small strip of beach on the Red Sea near the Israeli resort city of Eilat.

Meanwhile, both countries are preparing for arbitration. Each has submitted volumes of documents and maps in support of its respective claims. More will be submitted in February. The arbitration panel is scheduled to open its hearings in March and is expected to reach a decision by next July.

The panel is composed of Gunnar Lagergren of Sweden, who is chairman; Pierre Bellet of France; Dietrich Schindler of Switzerland; Ruth Lapidot of Israel; and Hamad Sultan of Egypt. All are professors of law.



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To reduce red tape faced by olim

Ministry reveals reforms of absorption process

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur has unveiled a plan to reform Israel's immigrant absorption system that is intended to reduce bureaucratic red tape and give olim the opportunity to decide where and how they want to live during their initial period in Israel.

"Our aim is to let the immigrant make as many decisions for himself as possible, even if this means making some mistakes," Tsur told reporters. "We want to get away from the situation where we, the ministry, have to tell the immigrant what's good for him."

His plan was presented to the ministerial committee on aliya and absorption.

One of the main innovations in the plan is the proposal to give newcomers cash grants to cover minimal living expenses and rent subsidies for their first year, the amounts to be based on family size.

Olim would be able to use the money in whatever way they see fit.

The plan calls for giving newcomers various housing options on their arrival: subsidized rental housing, absorption centre or government loans to buy a flat.

Tsur said that olim could save on rent by moving to development areas, thereby having more of their cash grant left over for other purposes.

After their first year in Israel, those whose gross monthly income is less than NIS 1,000 would be eligible for public rental housing. Those who bought a flat immediately on arrival would be able to use part of their cash grant to pay off their mortgage.

Absorption centre fees would be raised under the plan to levels closer to market rents. Tsur believes that, with these options, more olim will prefer to rent an apartment on their own rather than live in an absorption centre.

With less pressure on the absorption centres, some could be closed or converted to hostels for elderly immigrants or young singles.

Immigrants who chose to move into rental housing would be able to study Hebrew or take retraining courses at nearby absorption centres or immigrant information centres to be set up by the ministry.

Tsur said that under the new system the ministry would focus its efforts on providing comprehensive information to newcomers about their housing and other options and on helping them find employment.

The plan also calls for the establishment of a Supreme Council on Aliya and Absorption, which would discuss and approve policies in these areas. The council would include representatives of the government, the agency and public bodies such as immigrant associations.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Some 9,400 newcomers came to Israel in the first nine months of the year, of whom 4,900 were immigrants and 4,500 potential immigrants, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. Overall immigration rose by 34% in comparison with the same period last year.

These figures are based on police records at border points and on the interior ministry's population registry. They indicate that there has been an increase in the number of immigrants and potential immigrants from Asia (1,155 this year, 779 last year), Africa (948, 749) and Europe (4,242, 2,544). There was almost no change in the number of immigrants from the Americas and Oceania, from where 2,973 arrived in the first nine months of this year, as compared with 2,880 in the same period last year.

From January to September 1,384 immigrants arrived from the Soviet Union (138 in the same period last year), 1,435 immigrants and potential immigrants arrived from the United States (as compared with 1,544 in the first nine months of last year), 616 came from South Africa (419 arrived in the same period last year), 428 from England (in comparison with 441 last year), 722 from France (696 in the same period last year), and 831 from Argentina (as compared with 632 last year).

Lubavitchers cheer books

NEW YORK (JTA) — Hundreds of Lubavitch chassidim crowded the sidewalk in front of the movement's world headquarters in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, last week to cheer the long-awaited return of some 500 books from the library of the sixth Lubavitcher rebbe.

Eleven crates of books were quickly unloaded from an armored car by the activists in the 2½-year-old legal case. It had pitted Barry Gourary, a grandson of the sixth Lubavitcher rebbe Joseph Schneersohn, against the entire community of Agudas Chasidei Chabad.

Last week, the Appeals Court for the Second Circuit in Manhattan unanimously upheld the original decision of Jan. 6, 1987, awarding the library to the Chabad Lubavitcher movement. Gourary, who in spring 1985 was seen on the library's video surveillance system surreptitiously removing books, had maintained that part of the library was rightfully his by dint of a handwritten will left by his grandmother, the widow of the sixth rebbe.

According to Orthodox Jewish law, a widow may not inherit her husband's estate. That, coupled with the unsigned testament and Gourary's secretiveness in taking the books, all contributed to outright award of the library to the Lubavitch community. Chabad maintained the sixth rebbe had amassed the library for them.

The case was decided in secular court, because a religious Jewish court has no provision for a restraining order, which Chabad used to stop Gourary from selling any more than the more than 100 books he had already sold.

The gathered crowd was unusually quiet. Rabbi Manis Freidman, principal of the Beis Chana women's Institute in Minneapolis, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "excitement occurs when things are not stable. When things are as they ought to be, excitement is out of order."

As Friedman spoke, the current Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Schneerson, suddenly appeared as he was leaving for a customary visit to the grave of the sixth rebbe, his father-in-law. The rebbe exhorted his followers to disperse and "Go and learn."

YU BENEFACTORS

Montrealer David Azrieli (left) is presented with a personally inscribed Jerusalem Stone by Yeshiva University president Dr. Norman Lamm at the unveiling of the Florence and Herbert Tenzer Garden at the university in New York. Azrieli, with his wife Stephanie, (not shown) are Yeshiva University Benefactors — donors of $1 million or more during the institution's first century. Their names have been etched onto the Benefactors Wall, the centerpiece of the Tenzer Garden, constructed of Jerusalem Stone from Israel.

Peres, Thatcher affirm support for conference

LONDON (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reaffirmed their support last week for an international conference for Middle East peace.

The two leaders met for 80 minutes, their third meeting this year, and said an international conference was the best prospect to advance the Mideast peace process. Their statement confirmed that Peres has Thatcher's support in his differences with Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who opposes the conference scenario. Peres also hopes that the British leader will be able to convince President Reagan to support the idea, and possibly even the Soviets.

An interview in The Times of London quoted Peres as saying, "I think that Mrs. Thatcher is well placed, because there is respect for her in Jordan and her views are very much respected in Washington and in Moscow."

Peres met with Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe. In the morning, addressing a packed meeting of Jewish fund raisers, he spelled out what he thought Israel should achieve over the next 40 years:

"Instead of winning wars, we must win the peace. Instead of standing against the Arabs, we must convince them to face their problems in cooperation with us.

"Israel must stress the spiritual and intellectual aspects of its life and return to its historical tradition: never to submit to others, but also not to master others," Peres said.

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GENEVA (JTA) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told reporters here that the Soviet Union believes an international conference "is the only approach" to Arab-Israeli peace.

"This approach is shared by all the UN Security Council members and the Arabs," he contended at a news conference following talks here with U.S. secretary of State George Shultz. "Without an international conference, bilateral negotiations are impossible. I know that this concept is shared by (Israeli) Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Whether he is able to reach an agreement with his Prime Minister, I do not know."

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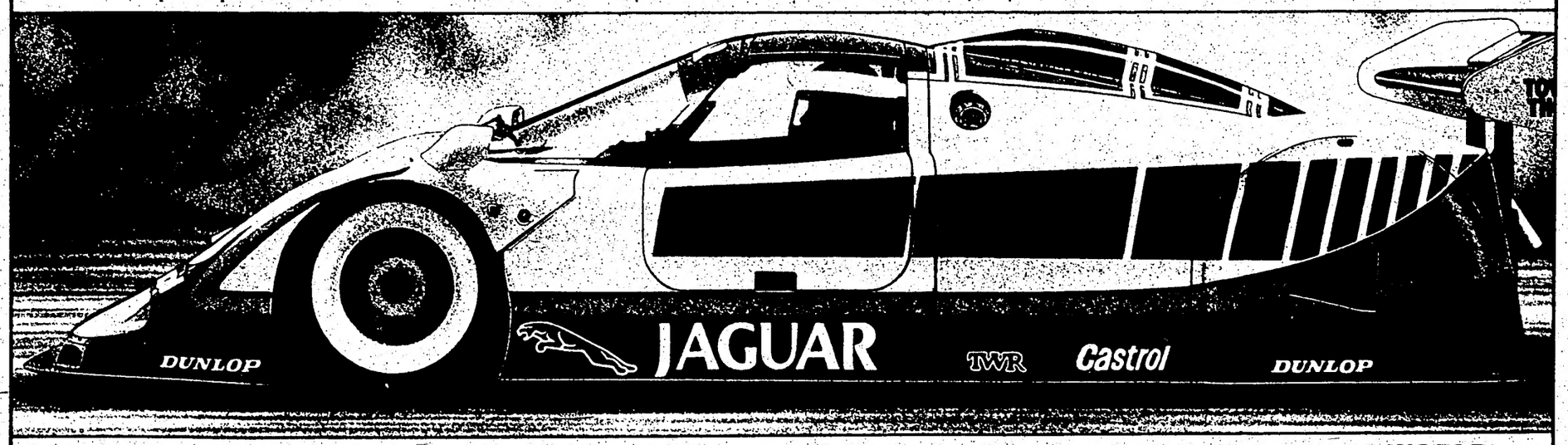

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Mandell L. "Bill" Berman is the new president of Council of Jewish Federations.

Levine tells GA meeting:

Respect needed in Jewish Agency

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

MIAMI BEACH — The time has come for the Jewish Agency's Israeli officers and Diaspora fund raisers to "practice respect and understanding" for each other, says the president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

"This is the immediate challenge before us," said Martin Levine in a powerful address before delegates at the 56th annual general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Levine — who spoke shortly before Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir took the podium — later told The CJN his comments referred to recent political squabbling and infighting in the Jewish Agency.

"Let's stop it and get on with the work," he said.

At the assembly, the 54-year-old Montreal business executive told delegates challenges also lay in getting fundamentalist and chassidic Jews to understand the secular reality, and secular Jews to understand their halachic brethren.

An assurance from Israeli leadership must also be won to keep amendments to Israel's Law of Return "from finding a hearing within the walls of the Knesset," he said.

And more voices like those of Orthodox Knesset members Avram Burg and Zevulun Hammer as well as David Hartman, director of Jerusalem's Sholom Hartman Institution, were needed to call for acceptance and understanding of pluralism, he said.

Diaspora Jewry also needs to understand "that our 40-year-old nation has a right to the pimples of adolescence," Levine added.

"We have so much important work to do — love and respect of each other will help to engender a like response from others, and leave us more time for people building and national building."

Levine — whose speech was especially directed to the approximately 170 Canadian delegates in the crowd of about 3,500 — noted recent and expected national and international leadership changes in Jewish organizations.

Among those changes, he said, were shuffles in the Jewish Agency with Mendel Kaplan replacing Chuck Hoffberger as chairman of the board of governors.

Shoshana Cardin, president of the Council of Jewish Federations, was being replaced by Mandell L. "Bill" Berman.

"With Mendel Kaplan's move from chairman of the board of trustees of Keren Hayesod, to chairman of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, we keep this dynamic, scholarly, dedicated Jew within our leadership ranks," Levine said.

"But, we are losing Chuck Hoffberger's forceful and demanding guidance — and how does one replace the magnificent person who is Shoshana Cardin?

"Who will lead the World Zionist Organization and chair the executive of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency?" he wondered in noting other expected leadership changes.

"And what expertise will we find in the treasury of our $430 million (U.S.) Jewish Agency?"

Cardin — who introduced Levine shortly after delegates viewed a satellite televised address by Kaplan from South Africa — described Canada as being in many respects "a role model" for other Jewish communities.

Levine later told the crowd UIA, United Jewish Appeal and Combined Jewish Appeal campaigns in Canada will exceed $90 million this year. The campaigns are aimed at Canada's Jewish community of about 308,000, he said.

During the 5-day assembly, Canadians were actively involved in conference sessions, exchanging views and experiences.

"I think we had a very strong Canadian participation this year," said John Fishel, executive director of Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal.

"Canada was a visible force. We actively took part as participants, as presenters and Canada was also honored by receiving some awards this year."

About 55 Jewish community leaders from Montreal attended the assembly, according to Bert Abugov, director of the Council of Jewish Federations' Canadian office.

Toronto sent about 45 community leaders, Ottawa, 12, Hamilton, 6, Windsor, 4, London, 4, Vancouver, 18, Calgary, 8, Edmonton, 4, and Winnipeg, 9.

About a half-dozen assembly events were held specifically for the Canadian participants. These included a women's division breakfast, a Council of Jewish Federations Canadian Committee meeting and a reception.

Three Canadian sessions included topics of Multiculturalism and the Realignment of Political Forces in Canada, Endowment Session for Canadian Federations and Canadian Leadership Development.

Young Leadership Awards — given to 179 people from 103 North American communities and Israel — included nine Canadians.

They were Arnold Strub and Lila Strub, of Hamilton; Dr. Michael Tenenbaum and Annette Oliel Amar, of Montreal; Linda Kahn, of Toronto; as well as Dr. Michael Elterman and Phyllis Moscovich, of Vancouver.

Danny Kliman, of Winnipeg, won the Harry Silverberg Leadership Development Award. Leslie Wilder, also of Winnipeg, won the Max Nathanson Young Leadership Development Award.

Contentious discussions at assembly

"Who is a Jew" question surfaces

By
MARK JOFFE

MIAMI BEACH (JTA) — One of the most contentious issues to arise during the recent 56th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here was the question of "who is a Jew" in Israel and whether the Knesset ought to change the existing definition.

The issue surfaced in an opening plenary speech delivered by outgoing CJF President Shoshana Cardin, reappeared in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's address to the convention body and popped up in forums and workshops throughout the 4-day gathering.

But nowhere did it receive more scrutiny than in a forum devoted to the topic Nov. 19. And nowhere were the passions the controversy has generated more evident.

The session quickly reached a fever pitch when hundreds of convention delegates hissed at Knesset member Dan Meridor as he proclaimed, "We don't have a Reform or Conservative constituency in Israel. We don't have it."

Taken aback by the vehemence of the negative reaction, Meridor, a rising star in the Likud bloc's "young guard," immediately modified his remark.

"Let me correct myself," he said. "We do have a very small percentage" of Reform and Conservative Jews in Israel. But he said that 97-98% of Israel's Jews choose either to go or to not go to Orthodox synagogues rather than considering Reform or Conservative congregations as alternatives.

Meridor's line of reasoning was that since a vast majority of Israelis accept halacha (traditional Jewish law) — though they may not choose to follow it — it is appropriate to use halacha to set the criteria for "who is a Jew" in Israel. Israel's religious parties have proposed to amend the Law of Return to grant automatic citizenship only to those Jews born of a Jewish mother or converted to Judaism "according to halacha."

The proposal — introduced and defeated repeatedly in the Knesset, but supported by most of Meridor's Likud bloc — would alienate many Reform and Conservative Jews in the Diaspora, because it would not recognize Jews converted by Reform and Conservative rabbis.

The measure is of particular concern to Reform Jews, because the Reform movement now recognizes people born of a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother as Jews — in contradiction to halacha. Meridor said that though he is not a religiously observant Jew, he personally would not accept non-halachic conversions. Nevertheless, he said, "I think I can live without" the proposed amendment to the Law of Return.

The problem, he said, is that "the Likud bloc has signed an agreement with the religious parties that the vast majority of Likud members would vote for the agreement."

But he conceded that a Knesset vote might not be the best way to resolve the issue. "In matters of religion," he said, "It would not be very smart to have the knife cut a logical decision, and for the rest, the hell with it."

Meridor said it will not be "very easy" to resolve the issue, since there are "very big differences" of opinion on the issue, not only between the extremist groups, but in the mainstream. But he said, "we have to continue trying to find a consensus."

He also told his listeners that they have not settled the "who is a Jew" issue in the United States and Canada. "The problem should be solved where it originated — in the American Jewish community," he added.

That assessment was shared by another speaker on the forum panel, Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, president of the New York Board of Rabbis. He described the conversion issue as "primarily an American problem, not an Israeli problem."

"It's time we tried to decide that problem," he said, referring to the American Jewish community. "If we don't solve these problems, we are going to tear ourselves apart, regardless of what Israel does."

Army duty cut back

TEL AVIV (JPFS) — Most Israeli men over the age of 50 will not be called for reserve duty next year, and the Israel Defence Forces may discharge them altogether.

The new policy will go into effect during the Israel Defence Forces (IDF's) next work-year, which begins on April 1. There will be some exceptions — doctors, for example — but "you're not going to find a 52-year-old reservist at the Jordan River bridges as you did a year ago," a source said. Currently, reservists serve until they are 55.

The cuts began several years ago when the IDF reduced the number of "reserve days" — a figure arrived at by multiplying the number of reservists called up by the length of their service.

The army was the left with a bigger budget because National Insurance Institute funds, earmarked for paying reservists' salaries, remain with the IDF if the reservists are not called up.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Educator and linguist Edward Horowitz died Dec. 2, 1986. He was the modern pioneer in the study of Hebrew's development from ancient times through the present.

Horowitz was born in New York in 1904, the descendant of a long line of rabbis that included 17th century mystic and halachist Isaiah Horowitz of Prague. His U.S. yichus (genealogy) is better known to most North American Jews: his grandfather Jacob founded the famous matzoh factory. Horowitz, with an MA from Columbia University and rabbinic ordination, developed the Hebrew curriculum at Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn. He taught there until early retirement in 1962; at the same time, he was rabbi of B'nai Israel congregation in the suburb of Woodhaven. He was a longtime president of the American Association of Hebrew Teachers.

Horowitz's pedagogy and his books — How the Hebrew Language Grew, Word Detective, and Words Come in Families — stressed the interrelationships among Hebrew words. He demonstrated and taught the language's near mathematical qualities. For a subject usually presented by rote and repetition, his approach was groundbreaking.

"It was Horowitz," wrote Jerusalem Post columnist Alexander Zvielli in a small obituary last year, "who made the teaching, learning, and understanding of Hebrew an enjoyable and fascinating experience."

Horowitz, for example, detailed the prodigious spread of the Hebrew word **amen,** rooted in the letters aleph, mem, and nun. Meaning confirm, support, or strongly intend, it expressed "the Hebrews' every hope that God would be merciful to them and grant them their heart's desire . . . It has entered more languages and is used in more countries than any other word in human speech," through widespread Bible translations and religious song.

Within Hebrew, amen has engendered a long list of words from biblical times to the present. They include: **oman,** foster father, one who supports and nourishes; **eemoon,** training; **amman,** master workman, one who is firm and sure in his workmanship, used now in the sense of artist; **ooman,** skilled workman, now used in the sense of artisan or craftsman; **he'emeen,** believed; and **emet,** truth (the nun having dropped out).

A porous curtain

The aleph is often replaced by a yud, Horowitz points out, giving as examples **achad** (one) and **yachad** (together as one). Amen with a yud yields: **yamin**, the stronger right hand; **y'mani**, the adjective right; and **taiman**, south, the direction at one's right when facing east to the Temple.

Some word watchers, who suspect that the iron curtain between Semitic and Indo-European languages is considerably more porous than anti-semitic philosopher Schlegel decreed, see more derivatives of amen. These include: **omen**, from Latin, as an indicator of belief, and its derivative **ominous;** and **mean**, in the sense of intend, from the medieval German word **meinen** (same as in Yiddish). There is also **hymn,** via the Greek humnos.

Current etymological theory posits as the sources of meinen an earlier German form, **mainjan**, and an Indo-European root, **men-**. Both mainjan and men- are entirely fabricated, never found in speech or writing. They were extrapolated backwards from and for current theory. Men- is also posited as the ultimate root of the word **mind**. Skeptics suggest that the flesh and blood Hebrew word amen or an earlier version, without the weak aleph, is the real father here.

Jewish lore interprets as mystical skills and talents the many gifts with which Abraham late in life sent sons and followers to the East. Is this hinted at by the Sanskrit word for hymn and for devotional incantation, **mantra?** The word amen seems echoed here, as it is in a popularized ancient mantra, **om**. The spread of the Semitic alphabet to India in the first millenium BCE suggests the prolonged export of more than wine and olives.

Horowitz moved to Jerusalem with his wife and four children in 1967. He taught at the Hebrew University, and was a newspaper and radio contributor.

A midrash says that the Jewish redemption from exile will include the redemption of Hebrew. To this, Horowitz, in his way, was a contributor.

Enthusiasm grows for protest rally

By WENDY ROSEN

MONTREAL —

Canada's Flights for Freedom to the Washington protest rally for Soviet Jewry Dec. 6 are overbooked.

In fact, Barbara Stern, chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, says that organizers are hurriedly looking into alternative arrangements for those on a waiting list for the event on the eve of the summit meeting between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union.

The cities participating in the rally (at press time) are Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. As well, there will be representation from the Atlantic region.

"Some students in Boston, New York and Pittsburgh — cities that we know of — will be joining their families in Washington for the rally. As well, some Canadians now living in the United States have phoned to indicate they're coming," she said.

"There's such tremendous excitement and enthusiasm about the whole event."

This enthusiasm has spread. Instead of the summit protest being an American Jewry event, it now will reflect the global concern for human rights, she said.

"Canada took a leadership role in encouraging participation of other countries at the rally."

Stern said that she made an aside at the executive meeting of the World Council on Soviet Jewry (praesidium) about three weeks ago to the effect that it would be nice if there could be world representation at the event which portends to be a new page in Jewish history.

In addition to Canadian and Israeli participation, at press time it was known that representatives from the Netherlands, Mexico, Great Britain and France will participate.

"Unquestionably people will be marching who have strong complaints against the Soviet Union ... but the thrust and concern of organizers and the Soviet Jewry movement is definitely pro-Soviet Jewry not anti-Soviet."

Stern said the rally, which is expected to draw about 100,000 Jews and non-Jews and be the largest protest for a Jewish cause in Washington history, has the potential of being a turning point for Soviet Jewry.

"It's an historic occasion — something to tell your grandchildren about one day," she said, adding that the Canadian organizers will publish a booklet with photos of the rally and Canada's participation.

"It's the kind of experience and memento that those who participated will treasure."

The Canadian delegation will congregate and hold its own rally at the Vista International, near the Ellipse, in the morning. Canada's ambassador to Washington Allan Gotlieb will make a major address. Other speakers include: Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry; CJC president Dorothy Reitman and recently released Refuseniks Irina and Daliya Brailovsky, the wife and daughter, respectively, of former Prisoner of Conscience Viktor Brailovsky.

As for the key speakers at the rally, so far confirmed are: U.S. Vice-president George Bush; honorary rally chairman Elie Wiesel; Morris Abram, president of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Segall MDA head

MONTREAL —

Montreal attorney and Cote St. Luc Municipal Court Judge Alfred Segall has been named the new national president of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel.

Segall succeeds Paul Saxe, and will serve a 2-year term as head of the Canadian branch of MDA, Israel's national emergency ambulance and blood service.

Segall's appointment took place at MDA's recent annual meeting at the Montefiore Club.

Judge Alfred Segall

Segall is serving his fifth year as a municipal judge. His most recent position in Canadian MDA was vice-president. Segall is also an active member of the Congregation Beth Zion in Cote St. Luc.

At the annual meeting, outgoing president Saxe reported that MDA in Canada "achieved a new high plateau" in financial support for 1987. A "substantial increase" was enlisted through MDA's holiday solicitation letter campaigns, and could have been even higher had there not been postal difficulties, he said.

Saxe also reported the launching of an MDA support chapter in Ottawa. Close to 20 MDA ambulances were purchased in 1987 through donations by supporters located mostly in Montreal, as well as in Vancouver, Toronto, Winnipeg and Ottawa. Through Canadian support, 100 2-way radios were added to MDA's communications network, Saxe reported.

Named at the meeting as officers were: Alfred Segall, president; Morton Rosenthal, chairman; Paul Saxe, vice-chairman; Yegal Rosen, first vice-president and ambulance committee chairman; Dr. David Shapiro, second vice-president; Gerald Nashman, secretary; Arthur Levitt, treasurer; and Robert Garfield, transportation chairman.

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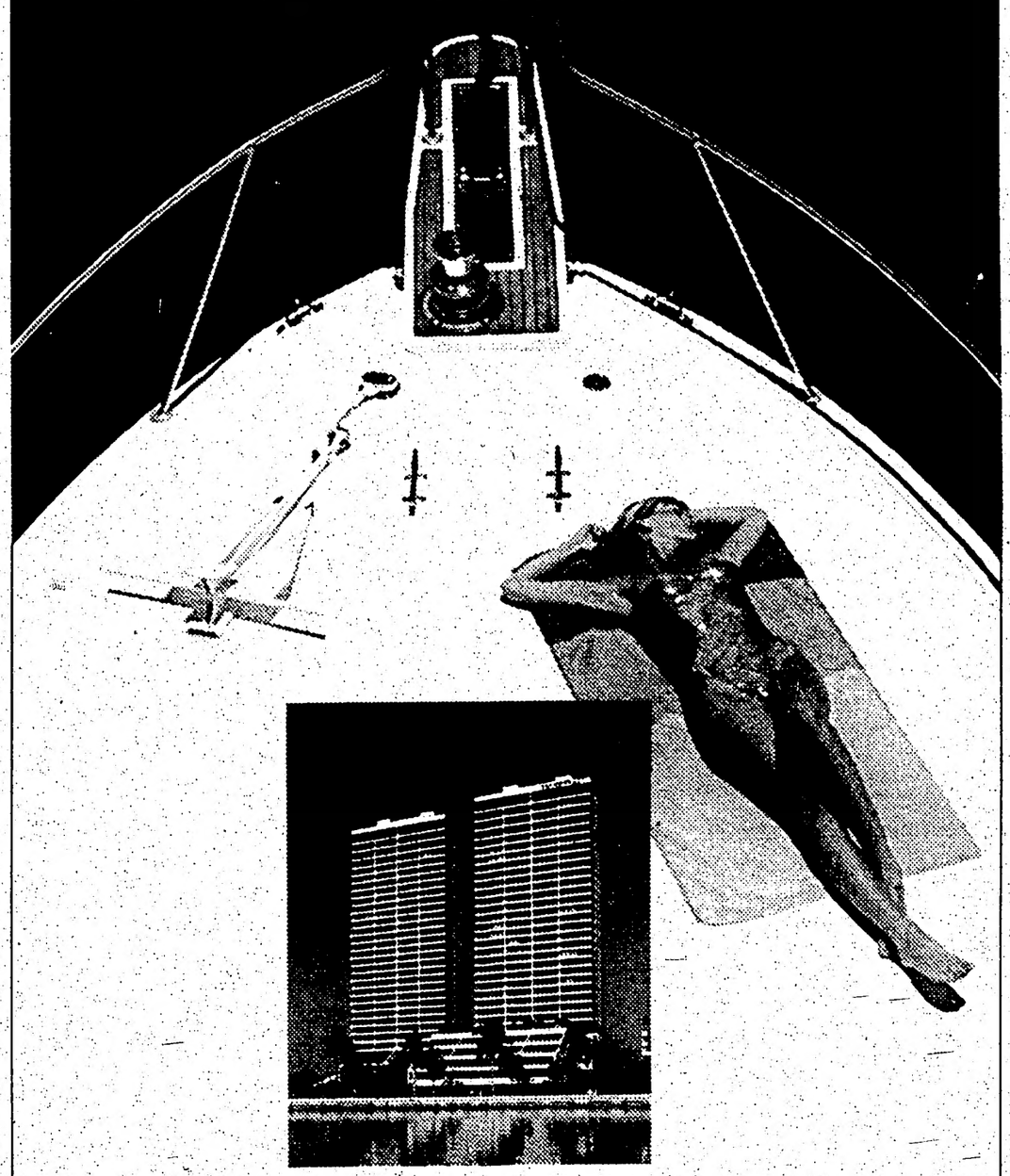

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UN opens archives

It has taken 18 months but the United Nations has finally agreed to Israel's request that the organization's archival material on Nazi war criminals be made accessible to scholarly scrutiny.

Citing six million reasons for wanting to examine those files, Israel's UN ambassador Binyamin Netanyahu described recently the difficulties the Israeli mission to the UN experienced in trying to gain access to some 40,000 dossiers on suspected Nazi war criminals held at the UN's New York headquarters.

Israel had to overcome the opposition of UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar as well as that of most of the 17 nations which participated in the original War Crimes Commission. Only Australia supported Israel's request.

Members of the Israeli mission at the UN were not prepared to accept this arbitrary ruling on the part of the UN bureaucracy and mounted a campaign to open the files.

Their determination was reinforced by visits to the archives; the latter contains much valuable historic information and documentation not known until now: the methods of killing, the number of Jews who were killed, and the amount of property confiscated from Jewish victims.

The Israeli lobbying effort was a slow but methodical one and at first there was little progress. In consulting with European governments Israeli diplomats stressed the historical argument. Researchers, they pointed out, should not be denied the valuable information preserved in the UN archives.

Reaction was slow but a year-and-a-half after the Israeli demarches every single country on the War Crimes Commission altered its position. Ambassador Netanyahu believes that the moral pressure exerted by Israel and the Jewish people (The CJN ran several editorials on this question) helped secure the opening of the archives.

Israel's accomplishment at the UN is a significant one given the record of hatred and hostility to which the Jewish state has been exposed over the last three decades.

The opening of the archives (they are located in New York City) is important for another reason. The documentation they provide will give the lie to the anti-semites of all hue who deny that the Holocaust occurred. "They try to minimize the sacrifice of the Jewish people," said Netanyahu, "and by that minimize the value of the Jewish people."

The State of Israel and its UN representatives are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Glaring omission

Mikhail Gorbachev, the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, has just published a book called *Perestroika* (Harper & Row).

The title implies the idea of restructuring and represents the Soviet leader's views on what is entailed in his reformist plans for his nation.

Gorbachev's essay, reported as being wooden, impersonal and lacking in any style or warmth (Christopher Lehman-Haupt in The New York Times, Nov. 23) deals, in some considerable detail, with both internal Soviet domestic problems and foreign affairs.

There is one glaring omission in this statement about Gorbachev's aspirations for his society. He does not make any mention of his country's emigration policy.

This is a lacuna that is understandable, for the Soviet Union, even under the relatively enlightened leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev, still retains an attitude towards the emigration of its citizens which is arbitrary and cruel.

That arbitrariness is especially obvious in the Soviet Union's treatment of Jews who apply for exit visas. In the vast majority of the cases they are fired from their jobs and required to do menial work just to survive.

Despite the recent relaxation of this policy in the case of specific individuals who have been waiting for as long as 15 years, Moscow still continues to bar exit for the vast majority of Soviet Jews who apply to leave for Israel.

Despite worldwide public pressure, the Soviet Union continues to use various subterfuges — the draft and alleged possession of military secrets — to prevent Soviet Jews from being reunited with family in Israel. Often no excuse at all is given for refusals.

In view of this record, we applaud the various constituencies which have joined forces to stage a massive demonstration on Dec. 6 in Washington. Over 100,000 people are expected to protest the Soviet Union's grotesquely unfair treatment of its Jewish citizens.

It's about time that perestroika and glasnost were applied to emigration!

Area continues to fascinate

Mideast books will stimulate . . .

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Books to stimulate polite conversation and maybe heated debate...

On the 20th anniversary of the Six Day War, Milton Viorst's book, *Sands of Sorrow (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $28.95)*, is certainly timely.

Viorst calls it part journalism, part historical and political commentary, and part personal odyssey.

Examining the 1967 war, Viorst says it "transformed" Israel. To be specific, Israel's occupation of Arab-populated areas brought constant conflict and provoked bitter ideological quarrels in Israel, badly "shredding" its social fabric and tarnishing its image.

Israel's huge defence budget has sapped its economy, discouraged immigration, encouraged emigration and made it into a U.S. client state. It is questionable, however, whether defence spending has, as he claims, depressed the standard of living.

Viorst is convinced that the Six Day War cured the Arab world of its obsession to destroy Israel. "Whatever the Arabs' dreams, I do not believe that, as a practical matter, they have entertained (that) notion... since their armies were swept from the battlefield two decades ago."

He is of the opinion that Israel, in conjunction with the U.S., wants to perpetuate the status quo in the region. That, no doubt, is true of the Likud. But the Labor Party, given its stated policy of territorial compromise, certainly has no logical interest in prolonging the status quo.

Viorst heaps much of the blame for the current impasse on the former U.S. secretary of state, Henry Kissinger. In the immediate aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, he argues, Kissinger guaranteed Israel such a margin of military superiority that it no longer had any incentive "to reconcile with its neighbors." As an example, he cites the opportunity Israel lost in 1974 to reach an accommodation with Jordan. Viorst presents a convincing case that an Israeli-Jordanian agreement would have forestalled later demands from Arab states for PLO participation in the peace process.

A pragmatic optimist, he believes that the Arab-Israeli dispute can be resolved. "Dominant as its army is in the region, Israel cannot use force on 100 million Arabs. Numerous as they are, the Arabs have failed repeatedly to crush Israel. What peace requires is that each give up something it considers important, without demanding in return something that the other cannot live without."

Milton Viorst

Viorst is of the view that Israel faces a dilemma: If it keeps all the occupied territories, it faces war, sooner or later, with its neighbors. If it relinquishes parts, it faces war not only with its neighbors but with itself.

Creation of a demilitarized Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would be the sanest way of resolving the Palestinian problem, he writes.

"For the first time, it would give Palestinians something worth preserving, some stake in Middle East stability, something to be careful about."

Only the PLO, he says, can negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians.

Although the West Bank and the Palestinians remain the "key" to a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, "real peace" requires Syria's involvement, since Syria is both Israel's strongest and most hostile enemy. Like most of Viorst's observations, this one is self-evident as well.

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More than five years have elapsed since Israel thundered into Lebanon. The resultant war had a considerable impact on the area, and this is examined in *The Middle East After the Israeli Invasion of Lebanon (Syracuse University Press, $14.95 paperback)*.

Edited by Robert Freedman, dean of graduate studies at Baltimore Hebrew College, it is made up of 11 superbly-researched, erudite essays that are well worth reading.

Leading off the book is Freedman's essay on the Soviet Union. Soviet policy, he writes, was "highly reactive" and Moscow was not adept at countering Washington's dominant influence.

Barry Rubin's essay on the U.S. is a blow-by-blow account of the Reagan administration's miscalculations, particularly in regard to Syria and Jordan.

Incapable of "reordering" map on its own

Shireen Hunter, in her analysis of the Arab world, concludes that the French dictum, plus ca change plus c'est la meme chose, holds true. In other words, the war in Lebanon neither changed the balance of power nor triggered a movement for Arab unity. "The persistence of the polarized state of Arab politics and the underlying balance of power in the Arab world means that (the Arabs) will, most probably, remain paralyzed (vis-a-vis) the pivotal question of peace with Israel," she declares.

In his piece on Jordan, Aaron David Miller pinpoints the reason why King Hussein seeks the establishment of a Palestinian homeland connected with his kingdom. It would help defuse Palestinian nationalist irredentist ambitions, stem the influx of West Bank Palestinians to Jordan and psychologically satisfy East Bank Palestinians who feel shut out of the Jordanian political system.

Writing about Israel, David Pollock notes that its "basic security posture" has been remarkably unaffected by the war. However, he adds, Israel learned that it is incapable of "reordering" the map of the Middle East on its own.

In his observations of Syria, John Devlin considers the internal crisis set off by President Hafez Assad's heart attack in 1983 and the strategies pursued by Damascus in dealing with Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, the U.S. and the PLO.

Egypt's position is examined by Louis Cantori. He shows how Cairo, in the wake of its peace treaty with Israel, managed to improve its relations with Jordan, Iraq and the PLO.

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Islamic fundamentalism has swept through the Moslem world in recent years. Hrair Dekmejian's book, *Islamic Revolution (Syracuse University Press, $12.95 paperback)*, explains the phenomenon, provides case studies of it in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf states, and speculates about its prospects.

A professor of political science at the State University of New York, Dekmejian theorizes that the incidence of Islamic fundamentalism has always been closely associated with great periods of turmoil.

"Identity crisis" beset Arab world

It emerged with a vengeance in the 1970s, after the Israeli victory in the Six Day War. Once Gamal Abdel Nasser's brand of pan-Arabism was discredited, and an "identity crisis" beset the Arabs, the search for an alternative revolved around Western liberalism, revolutionary socialism and fundamentalism. Why fundamentalism became such an attractive ideology is the crux of this perceptive volume.

Its resurgence in Anwar Sadat's Egypt, he says, left decision-makers all over the Middle East with a set of important lessons:

- Not to underestimate its potency.
- Not to try to achieve political objectives that clash with fundamentalist ethos.
- To develop a viable Islamic alternative to militant fundamentalism.

Howard Sachar's *A History of Israel (Oxford University Press, $29.95)* **is an illuminating account of developments in the Jewish state since the Yom Kippur War. A very handy reference book.**

The Birth of Israel: Myths and Realities (Random House, $27.75) is a penetrating study which should dispel certain notions about crucial events leading up to Israel's emergence as a state. Simha Flapan, the author, was founder of New Outlook Magazine. He died last April.

Raphael Israeli, in *Peace is in the Eye of the Beholder (Walter De Gruyter, $47.70)*, gives a reader a panoramic view of Israel's domestic affairs, its political leadership, its foreign policy, its armed forces and its relations with the Arabs and the Palestinians. It is published in cooperation with the Hebrew University.

Uncomfortable Questions For Comfortable Jews (Lyle Stuart, $18) sets out Rabbi Meir Kahane's peculiar views of Jewishness and Israel's Arab minority. At least he's fairly original.

Boycott and Blacklists (Rowman and Littlefield ($34.95) is a valuable contribution to Middle East historiography. Aaron Sarna, a Canadian scholar, examines in depth the workings of the Arab boycott against Israel and companies and organizations that do business with it.

The Maronites in History (Syracuse University Press, $35) is a fascinating chronicle of an influential Christian Lebanese sect that exerts a disproportionate amount of political and economic power. The author teaches at Gannon University, in Pennsylvania.

The Bedouins are among the least understood Arabs, so *Veiled Sentiments: Honor and Poetry in a Bedouin Society (University of California Press, $38)* is a book that should be welcomed. Lila Abu-Lugod, a Williams College professor of anthropology, lived with Egyptian Bedouins for nearly two years. Her pithy observations merit attention.

Opinion

Philosophical Grossman proud of accomplishments

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

For many Toronto residents, the name Grossman is synonomous with the provincial riding of St. Andrew-St. Patrick. First Allan and later his son Larry have represented the diverse ethnic riding in downtown Toronto since 1955.

The voters in St. A & P changed all that on Sept. 10 though, when they sent a new Jewish MPP to represent their interests at Queen's Park.

For political veteran Larry Grossman, there are no regrets. In the past 12 years he has served in a number of ministerial portfolios under former Premier William Davis, has seen a multitude of laws passed by the Conservative Party, and has fought two leadership conventions.

Despite his party's performance in the September massacre which saw the Conservatives reduced to third party status, Grossman expressed no regrets about how he handled the campaign.

During a recent interview with The Canadian Jewish News, the outgoing Tory leader — appearing more relaxed then he has in past discussions with this newspaper — said his party made a decision to fight a campaign based on issues and his only regret is that some of those issues like free trade and education didn't get the "thoughtful analysis and dialogue" they deserved.

Pointing specifically to the free trade question, Grossman said he doesn't regret the stand he took in light of the actual agreement worked out between Canada and the U.S. While admitting it is not perfect, he said the important issue is whether Canada can afford to have no deal at all.

"I think that would be catastrophic," he said. "When you assess the deal you find there is an improvement in the dispute resolution mechanism and far greater access to the American market. I believe the auto pact is safer as a result of having a trade agreement because the Americans are less likely to give unilateral notice which they can now give under the auto pact.

"One never knows for sure, but I believe that if we continued without a free trade agreement, we would be going back to Washington, as we did on softwood lumber and shakes and shingles begging forgiveness and leniency. That is not the way to go. We can compete."

Despite finishing with only 16 seats, Grossman said his party managed to move from 17% to 24% in the opinion polls during the election campaign, which he called "a good accomplishment.

"I think the public felt — I don't agree with them — that the government had changed in 1985 and that the following two years were very good," Grossman said. "There was no crisis around in Ontario, things were going relatively well and therefore they were willing to give this relatively new group of people (the Liberals) an opportunity to have a full four years with a good majority. I respect that decision and hope they were right from the standpoint of the province."

What Grossman doesn't believe contributed to his defeat was his religion.

"I suppose I can't suggest that religion is absolutely no factor, but if you ask me if it affected the overall results, the answer is no. I don't think it got people elected or defeated.

"I would like to believe that people vote blind to color or race or religion, but we would be fooling ourselves if we thought that were always the case."

With his own personal political defeat behind him, Grossman now moves from the political spotlight to begin his third career (he was called to the bar in 1969 and practiced until 1975) in the business world as a senior vice-president and director responsible for investment banking at Richardson Greenshields of Canada Ltd.

Grossman's political career began back in 1975 when he won his father's seat by 429 votes. Shortly after coming to Queen's Park, he found himself battling his own government to save Doctors Hospital in Toronto.

In 1976 he was appointed parliamentary assistant to the attorney-general and in 1977 he was appointed to the cabinet as minister of consumer and commercial relations. In that portfolio he rewrote Ontario's securities legislation, redesigned Ontario's condominium legislation and raised the drinking age to 19 from 18.

In 1978 Grossman was appointed minister of industry and tourism, where he again left his own personal mark. There he took a lead role in establishing Ontario's six technology centres and initiated the "Yours to Discover" campaign to boost the province's tourism industry. The slogan is still used on licence plates.

In 1982 Grossman was appointed minister of health and his influence on Ontario's health care industry was widespread. He introduced improved care for the elderly, compulsory immunization for children and Ontario's first paramedic program.

Outgoing Ontario PC leader Larry Grossman.

The following year Grossman was appointed treasurer of Ontario and minister of economics.

After losing out to Frank Miller by 77 votes in the January 1985 leadership campaign, Grossman served briefly as education minister under former Premier Miller before the provincial election which saw the Liberals come to power after signing an accord with the NDP. After Miller stepped down, Grossman took another stab at the party's leadership and defeated Dennis Timbrell by 19 votes.

Throughout it all, Grossman said he managed to put his family ahead of his political life, take his children to hockey rinks and enjoy Blue Jay games from section 13 at Exhibition Stadium, like "any other normal person."

"I always said that I didn't want to be one of those politicians who, when he leaves political life after losing an election says to the media, 'well now I'll be able to get to know my wife and children.' If you have to say that you shouldn't have got into it in the first place."

Grossman said it feels very good to be back on the outside of the political world and he believes he learned a lot about government in the past 12 years.

"I've learned that governments tend to overestimate the impact of those things they do and tend to underestimate the public," he said. "I have learned that the things you accomplish are often those that draw the least publicity or attention. I've learned that governments, of all political stripes, end up inadvertently dealing with the broad brush policies which impact the people in the broad middle and often miss the very people the policies were set up to help."

Personally, Grossman said he is now enjoying the reduced amount of pressure and increased privacy, pointing out that "12 years at any job is a fairly long time, particularly one that has the characteristics of a political life.

"I can also look back and feel quite a sense of accomplishment and fulfilment. It doesn't matter to me very much whether that will be remembered or even remembered at all by others."

And if he is to be remembered?

"I would like to be remembered as a hard-working compassionate minister. I loved the ministries I had and tried to use every minute I had."

Grossman said that of all the portfolios he headed, he enjoyed health the most because there were more complex issues that needed to be addressed. Among them was the advances made in the field of mental health.

"In all my time in political life, the one thing I carry on my desk is the award I got from the Canadian Mental Health Association," Grossman said in discussing his greatest political accomplishment.

Looking at the flip side, Grossman said his greatest disappointment was the loss of good caucus members in the last election campaign. Although not surprised by the extent of the loss, he said he was disappointed by the loss of such "great talent."

While his party is down, Grossman said it should not panic because "the political tide will come back." He said the party should now concentrate on fund raising and decide on a new system to choose its next leader.

Grossman said he favors the Parti Quebecois model with every member of the party having a direct vote. If the party rejects that option, Grossman said it should throw the membership open so new members can be recruited.

"We did not do that in either of our two leadership conventions in 1985 and, as someone who both won and lost under the old closed system, I think I can approach it fairly objectively. Upon reflection, the party was not served well by it."

(At the recent PC Ontario "renewal conference" in Toronto a majority of speakers backed having a party-wide vote or universal suffrage at leadership conventions, as opposed to naming delegates from each riding.)

Looking at his participation in the two leadership conventions, Grossman said that when he was starting out in politics, both he and his father wouldn't have believed it possible that he could have made it to the top of the party's ranks.

"I was in the second last seat in the last row," Grossman recalled. "Given our beginnings and background I wouldn't have believed I could have gotten as far as I did. There were only 51 Conservative MPPs when I was first elected, but of the 51 I was the 51st member and there was no question about that.

"Even as late as 1983 when we began seriously to try to arrange things, it was still a longshot and in the (first) convention everyone had me consigned to third and fourth place, but we almost won."

Grossman said his own political involvement may have encouraged others in the Jewish community to become involved in politics.

UNESCO resolution pays tribute to Yiddish

PARIS (JTA) —

The United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has paid a singular tribute to the Yiddish language and culture at its 24th biennial session, held here recently.

The traditionally anti-Israel world body also elected Israel to two important committees — for the first time in the organization's stormy history — and deferred two virtually anti-Israel resolutions that had been introduced by the Arab states.

The resolution on Yiddish called for the preservation of the language and its cultural heritage, and asked the director-general to tap extra-budgetary sources for the project. The resolution was formally submitted by West Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and Israel, and was supported by Poland and other Eastern bloc countries.

It was prepared and drafted by Sam Hoffenberg, the permanent representative of B'nai B'rith to UNESCO, where B'nai B'rith has the status of a non-governmental organization.

The resolution cites the "outstanding role and the great and unique value of the Yiddish language and culture, which constitute a cultural heritage that is threatened with oblivion after being doomed to annihilation."

Specifically, the director-general was asked to "encourage the translation of (Yiddish) masterpieces of literature and poetry, especially from the period of the Shoah (Holocaust), to encourage and subsidize the publication of a dictionary of the Yiddish language, a language formerly spoken by 10 million men and women, and to organize a meeting of experts to put forward suggestions regarding the conservation and spread of the linguistic and literary heritage and to contribute to the training of (Yiddish) experts."

Delegates and UNESCO officials stressed that these developments were not linked to the upcoming change of leadership. Federico Mayor Zaragoza of Spain has been elected director-general, succeeding Mukhtar Amadou M'Bow of Senegal, whose administration was characterized by strong anti-Israel and anti-Western bias.

Zaragoza will not take office until the end of the current session. But there was clearly a change of climate here. The Arab delegates opposed the resolution on Yiddish and prevented Hoffenberg of B'nai B'rith from introducing it at the plenum. West Germany did the honors, joined later by 65 delegations from Western and Eastern Europe and Israel.

Naming names and bright old barges

By
ELAINE KAHN

Only my husband says my name in a way that makes it completely palatable to me. But that's probably not a fair test — he can also make fried bean curd sound like something I'd want to eat.

I was in my teens before "Elaine" and I stopped bickering and learned to live reasonably well together. "Elaine," with two long sharp vowels, sounded harsh and mean-spirited to me, could not be pronounced without seeming to imply I'd just done something wrong. Laura, Jacqueline, Beth — now those were names to conjure with. Surely kindly people with chocolate-filled pockets would flock to girls whose names were lush and soft like those.

Elaine was never in a song or movie or TV show. It means "bright light" or "brilliant." Had it turned out to mean "sloth-faced" or "she of the big ears," I would have changed it immediately to Sherry, which had a song, or Scarlett, which had a movie, or Tammy, which had both.

My name is linked to Helen of Troy. It was first used in English by Tennyson for his fair mad lily maid of Astolat. A romantic pedigree that could explain both my early love of Greek myths and my penchant for floating down the Oshawa creek in a canoe pretending to be dead.

I do have a middle name — it's . . . . Have you ever noticed how many people are ashamed of their middle names? I once asked a man for almost a year before he'd reveal that secret to me, and then only through an elaborate game of word play involving split infinitives, dangling participles — really, this is not the forum to discuss it.

My middle name is Brenda. My mother said she picked it as an also ran — with her first choice, Eva, my initials would have been "EEK." Thanks, Mom, but I could have toughed it out. Most people will concede that oldfashioned "Eva," while no Brandy, Krystle or Ashley, is pretty. When they hear "Brenda," they grin goofy.

No name, of course, is a life sentence — you can call yourself whatever you want, as long as there is no fraudulent intent. But we nostalgic types get used to the names we grew up with.

That is why, although married, I keep the surname I was born with.

No one believes that, of course. People prefer to believe I'm part of some sinister geopolitical cabal out to undermine civilization — or that I get kickbacks from calligraphers, considering the added cost of my full name beside my husband's on invitation envelopes and place cards.

Friends and relatives slink to me in acute embarrassment after deciding to take their future husbands' names, fearing my wedding gift will be a lifetime supply of cotton "Barefoot in the Kitchen" tea towels. We spend hours bemoaning a world in which the question of keeping or giving up something that is yours by right ever surfaces.

"Kahn" is German for "old barge." I'm telling you, when the gods want to smile on someone, they go ear to ear. That makes me a "bright old barge" which, I'm told, passes for something like "not a bad old goat" when bandied about the beer hall at last call.

I like it.

Opinion

Weizmann: Zionism's "irresistible political seducer"

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Chaim Weizmann is a towering figure in Zionist history, more so as Israel's 40th anniversary of statehood approaches.

Dominating the Zionist movement like a colossus for several decades, Weizmann was a contemporary of Theodor Herzl — the founder of modern political Zionism — and the originator of the 1917 Balfour Declaration, the British document that set in motion the tumultuous events that resulted in the resurrection, after two millenia, of a Jewish state.

Weizmann, who was Israel's first President, played a crucial role in the establishment of two magnificent institutions of higher learning — the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute.

Yet, as Norman Rose points out in his scrupulously researched and sympathetic biography, *Chaim Weizmann (Penguin Books Canada, $29.95)*, his career "has been consigned to a calm backwater rarely disturbed by an inquisitive public. In short, a political dodo."

It seems strange that this should be the fate of so important a nation builder. But such are the quirks of history.

Rose, who occupies the Chaim Weizmann Chair of International Relations at the Hebrew University, seeks in his book to give Weizmann the recognition and attention which is surely his due. And after reading this brilliantly written 462-page tome, one is inclined to agree with his assessment that few leaders in the democratic world have amassed such a record.

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He was born in a typical Russian shtetl, Motol, which had a population of 30,000 and lay some 25 miles northwest of Pinsk. Now part of the Belorussian Socialist Soviet Republic, Motol, in Weizmann's own words, was situated in "one of the darkest and most forlorn corners" of the Pale of Settlement, that area in which the majority of the czar's Jewish subjects were forced to live.

The son of a lumber merchant, Weizmann did not linger long in Motol. After graduating from the Pinsk Real-Gymnasium, he resolved to go West, rightly convinced that his future did not lie in so anti-semitic a nation as Russia.

In 1892, at the age of 18, he crossed into Germany and, in Darmstadt, began the study of chemistry. Later, in Berlin, where he continued his studies, Weizmann fell in with a circle of Russian Jews whose members would form "the cradle of the modern Zionist movement."

As a student, Weizmann participated in the usual time-consuming debates, discussions and arguments. And as much as this enthralled him, Weizmann never abandoned chemistry.

Chemistry, Rose writes, not only provided him with economic independence and intellectual gratification, but also served as "an anchor, a safe haven, from the buffetings of political hurly-burly, where results were determined by rational analysis... and not by personal rivalries and unpredictable alliances."

Weizmann, the budding Zionist politico, was influenced enormously by a contemporary, Asher Hirsch Ginsberg, known as Ahad Ha'am. From him, Weizmann imbibed the moral and spiritual content of Zionism. To Ahad Ha'am, and to Weizmann, Zionism was not just a political program, but an ethical national liberation movement.

Assimilated Jews abhorred his ideas

Although he respected Herzl, Weizmann considered his brand of Zionism as a sort of "superior philanthropy." For Weizmann, "practical Zionism," the building and consolidation of the Jewish community in Palestine, would be the proper route to follow. That, combined with the active assistance of an imperial power, would bring Zionism closer to the goal of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Weizmann's first trip to Palestine, in 1908, convinced him that his theory of "organic growth" was essentially correct. Like most Zionist activists of the day, he did not give much thought to the Arabs who inhabited Palestine.

By the time he visited Palestine, Weizmann had already settled in Britain. If it had been up to him, he would have opted for Palestine. But after being rejected for a tutor's job in a newly opened teacher's training college in Jerusalem, he accepted an offer from Manchester University.

Decades would elapse before he finally had the opportunity to live in his beloved Palestine.

In Britain, Weizmann became active in local Zionist politics and, in time, ascended to the presidency of the English Zionist Federation. A captivating and articulate man, he socialized with a bevy of British politicians, government officials, journalists and academics who were close to the centres of power.

As a result of these encounters, he met such influentials as Arthur James Balfour, leader of the Conservative Party and the would-be foreign secretary; C.P. Scott, editor of the Manchester Guardian; Lord Robert Cecil and Leo Amery, rising Conservative luminaries, and Wickham Steed, foreign editor of The Times.

Balfour was particularly "moved and interested" by his appeal for a Jewish homeland in Palestine. "...it is not a dream," he told him during their second meeting in 1915. "It is a great cause and I understand it."

Chaim Weizmann

Weizmann, as well as Balfour, understood that Zionism and Britain were tied by common goals. Three years before the outbreak of World War I, Weizmann wrote in his journal that the objective of Zionist diplomacy would be to persuade the British elite of this.

But in arguing his case, Weizmann continually came up against the opposition of well-off, assimilated British Jews who abhorred Zionism and of Russian Zionists who distrusted the motives of imperial Britain.

Despite the vehement opposition, Weizmann nursed the Balfour Declaration to fruition. It was, as Rose notes, his "most substantial achievement," his "personal masterpiece."

With the Balfour Declaration a fait accompli, Weizmann developed still closer relations with the British government. And he nurtured this relationship even as he started to realize, in the post-war era, that Britain was not necessarily dedicated to the fulfilment of the Zionist dream.

Weizmann's detractors based much of their criticism of him on his relations with the British. They portrayed him as weak, pliable and prone to compromise.

This perception, no doubt, contributed to his loss of the World Zionist Organization's presidency in 1931. But even in defeat, Weizmann worked tirelessly on behalf of Zionism, German Jewish refugees, the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute.

Inevitably, he impressed his interlocutors with the sheer force of his personality.

As Sir Isaiah Berlin has noted, he was "an irresistible political seducer." He could, as Rose writes, simplify the complicated with a bewitching mixture of charm, wit and erudition.

Although he was fluent in several languages, he preferred to use Yiddish in the company of his friends and associates. With them, his language was always racy and amusing, at times obscene. His favorite expletive was that wonderfully expressive word *shmock*, which he employed to describe colleagues with whom he happened to be at odds.

Weizmann was terrifically efficient. But, as Rose states, he had a dark side. He interpreted criticism as personal enmity; he harbored grudges; he was not above using people and exhibiting open contempt toward them.

Thanks to his worldwide scientific patents, he was independently wealthy, and he and his wife, Vera, lived in sumptuous style. They maintained an opulent house in London, serviced by a butler, a chauffeur, a nurse-governess, a cook and maids. Weizmann travelled first-class and stayed at the best hotels. He owned a Rolls Royce.

He loved Vera, but their relationship was stormy. At one point, they were separated. Rose suggests that he indulged in extramarital affairs.

Strangely enough, his boys' governess, a Miss Usher, was apparently anti-Jewish and totally indifferent to Zionism. According to Rose, she "played" on their resentment of their father's absolute devotion to Zionism. His sons, Benji and Michael, were more or less estranged from Zionism.

Abba Eban recalls that, as an undergraduate at Cambridge, he approached Michael to join the Zionist Society. "We have enough Zionism at home," he said by way of rebuffing Eban. Benji, toying with the idea of volunteering to defend the Spanish republic, said it was "the only cause I know worth fighting for."

Weizmann was plagued by ill health for the greater part of his life. He succumbed to frequent bouts of tension and depression; he found it difficult to sleep; he complained of inflamed eyes and difficulty in reading; he spent the last years of his life in near blindness.

In spite of these ailments, Weizmann drove himself relentlessly as Zionism's elder statesman. After World War II, Weizmann, sick with fever, travelled to Washington to convince President Harry Truman that the Negev, with its sea outlet to the Far East, was essential to the viability of a Jewish state. He succeeded.

Shortly afterward, Weizmann was sent on another rescue mission to the U.S. Zionists who had been under the impression that the Truman administration supported the partition of Palestine were shocked when the American representative at the United Nations informed the Security Council that Washington now backed a UN trusteeship for Palestine. Weizmann saw the President and turned him around.

As President of Israel, Weizmann was less than happy. As Rose writes, he never accustomed himself to the fact that the office was ceremonial. He felt left out. As late as 1951, he said the only thing that prevented him from resigning was "the international repercussion."

Another blow to his pride was that his name had not been included among the signatories of the Declaration of Independence. He brooded over that slight, wondering why he had been excluded.

Weizmann lent his support to Israel's early policy of non-identification, "a policy of friendship to all the nations." But he refused to extend it to Germany, and once declined to meet the West German chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, when they chanced to be staying at the same hotel in Switzerland.

In the final months of his life, Weizmann was practically bedridden. On Nov. 9, 1952, he suffered two heart attacks and died, a few days before his 78th birthday.

Israel had lost one of its greatest leaders. And in *Chaim Weizmann*, Norman Rose has captured that greatness for all to read.

Insensitivity to evil and wrongdoing

Success worship brings ethical abuse

By
RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

What is our most common and widespread idolatry? Isn't it the worship of success? Isn't this what we stress as the highest good? Isn't this what we teach our children? For many of us the achievement of success has become life's highest priority. One of our most popular and accepted slogans insists: "You can't argue with success."

No holds are barred in this battle. It sets friend against friend and brother against brother. Moral and ethical principles don't matter very much if they interfere with success. The idea is to be a winner. Second best is not good enough.

During the recent exciting hockey games between Canada and the Soviet Union the entire series was decided by one goal in the final minutes of play. It could easily have gone the other way. Suddenly the Canadians were heroes. The entire country was happy and exultant. The Soviet team was downhearted and crestfallen. One goal made all the difference. The Soviets were out of the picture.

Ben Johnson of Canada is the world's fastest human being. In Europe his victory in a crucial race against a highly publicized opponent was heralded by all the media. Suddenly he became famous and rich. The athlete who came second was hardly given any notice. He was a loser by less than a portion of a second.

Our worship of success has a number of unfortunate effects. The first of these is that it robs us of our time and drains us of our energy. It's not a time-clock affair that begins at 9 and ends at 5. The rat race can't be turned on and off at will. It starts when we wake up in the morning and ends when we go to sleep at night. And even in our sleep it sometimes does not leave us in peace.

And the race for success is a hard one to run — the course is narrow, the obstacles are many, the competition is intense and the prize always just ahead of us. So we have little time for our spouse and children. When are we to find time to read a book, attend a meeting, participate in a worthwhile activity? Always in a rush, we dare not spare a moment. Who knows, someone might get ahead of us. We might miss a sale, or a client, or a patient. Someone else might get the order, or the account, or the credit.

Moreover, the all-out pursuit of success tends to render us insensitive to evil and wrongdoing around us. We tend to become cynical and callous. We start to cut corners. We close our eyes to what we don't want to see.

In recent years, we have witnessed scandal after scandal on the Canadian scene — blatant political patronage, influence peddling, improper communication with judges, graft-ridden unions, the sale of tainted food, and so forth.

Not long ago Air Canada was fined $15,000 for misleading newspaper advertising. The airline advertised seat sales at substantially reduced prices after all these seats had been sold. The idea was to lure customers who would then be induced to pay the higher prices for the available seating. Imagine this kind of deception on the part of a Canadian Crown corporation. I haven't heard that anyone responsible has been censured or reprimanded.

From 1971 to 1979 the Firestone corporation in the United States manufactured 20 million radial tires and sold them despite the fact that in 1973 the company's director of development reported to top management that the tire was of "inferior quality."

The National Highway Safety Administration finally forced Firestone to recall the tire. Meanwhile, some 14,000 tire failures were reported.

A number of American asbestos companies failed to warn their workers — and other users of asbestos — that their product was hazardous to health. As a consequence, some 750,000 persons will be adversely affected before the end of this century.

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It is part of the decline in ethical sensitivity that in many cases the guilty parties won't acknowledge, or can't understand, that they have done anything wrong. They are sure that what they have done is being done by others. In any case, they are convinced that their lawyers will get them off. The average citizen has become accustomed to such behavior. People are starting to accept ethical abuse as the norm in society.

Writing in the New York Times Magazine, Barbara Tuchman, the well known historian, suggested that false dealing is now the prevailing element of American life and may account for the sense of decline we feel in American society. This condition was clearly exhibited in the Iran-Contra hearings and is manifest in every newspaper which brings us reports of yet another municipal or federal official indicted for, or charged with, wrongdoing of one kind or another.

She asserts: "The knowledge of a difference between right and wrong is absent from our society, as if it had floated away on a shadowy night after the last World War. So remote is the concept that even to speak of right and wrong marks one to the younger generation as old-fashioned, reactionary and out of touch."

We must be realistic about the need for material possessions and the proper satisfactions that flow from success. Why should honesty and probity lead to ascetism or the withdrawal from life and its pleasures? Who can or should stand in opposition to necessary ambition and the fruits of achievement?

Albert Einstein wrote: "It is high time that the quest for success be replaced by the ideal of service." True success is something that a person can carry with him no matter where he goes. It is concerned with what is inside a person, not outside, in what is lasting, not transient, in the spiritual, not the material. There is meaning in the familiar maxim that success is a journey rather than a destination.

Opinion

Exciting Egyptian spy story big bluff, say Israelis

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Military experts in Israel have read the book and declare the whole thing is nothing but a big bluff. Nevertheless, the 3-volume, 900-page story entitled *I Was a Spy in Israel*, continues to be something of a literary sensation in Egypt. Parts of it were first serialized in major daily papers, and now the complete book itself is a bestseller.

Whether true or not, the story is an exciting one. The author, who prefers to remain anonymous, spins his tale well, recreating the circumstances which developed over a period of more than 20 years and until the death of the actual spy who, he claims, was never caught by the Israelis.

Early in the 1950s, the story goes, an Egyptian con man with a shady past was apprehended by the authorities of his country for going under various aliases, and bearing no less than four passports, one of which, with his picture, carried the name of Levi Cohen, which he had used with some success for two years.

Egyptian intelligence proposed to "Cohen" that they would let him off if he agreed to work for them, and so the preparations began. It appeared that he had lived among Jews and had a good superficial knowledge of their ways. Another Jewish prisoner, Ephraim Solomon, was put in the same cell with "Cohen" and the latter filled Solomon's ear with complaints about the way he had been treated.

When Solomon got out, he reported to the Jewish community on the fate of one of their brethren in the Cairo jail, and efforts were made to get him out. The Egyptian secret service cooperated behind the scenes, and the young man was released. He was taken under the wing of a wealthy Alexandria Jew, Simchon by name, who tried to set him on a straight and respectable path. It was agreed that he could best make a fresh start by going to Israel. Our hero began to study Hebrew, and soon, armed with a new passport bearing the name of David Simchon, the late son of his patron, he got out of Egypt and settled in Tel Aviv.

There, like so many other Egyptian Jews, he went into the travel business. It provided excellent cover for him in his frequent travels in and out of the country. His handlers warned him not to try anything for at least a year, during which time he should make friends and develop contacts.

He had several scares in the early days, but his true identity was not exposed. He became a popular figure in Tel Aviv's night life, and through his contacts began to pick up valuable information. He never used any communication system, preferring to pass his information on directly during his frequent trips to Europe.

According to the author, David Simchon learned about the Israel plan to make a large-scale pre-emptive attack in June, 1967, and he hastened to inform his superiors. The information was not believed, and the result was the humiliating Six Day War.

Other valuable information which he passed on was thereafter received with greater respect. Israel became aware that there was a leak somewhere, but no one ever suspected the successful Egyptian "Jew" who was operating the travel agency in Tel Aviv.

After 20 years of this, Simchon began to feel that his usefulness was ebbing. He fell in love with a French divorcee, and went to live in Germany, thereby perhaps adding to the statistics of yordim. The Egyptian intelligence released him, with a generous grant. His wife knew almost nothing of his past until after his death from cancer in 1978.

The account gives realistic descriptions of the atmosphere in Egypt following both the Six Day and the Yom Kippur Wars. Advertising for the book in Egypt proclaims that Israel denies everything, but adds: Of course they'll deny it. How can they admit that we pulled the wool over their eyes for 20 years?

There are some Israelis who are willing to admit that it might be true. It could be that the whole thing was made up, but based on a true story of an Egyptian attempt to plant a spy in the guise of a Jewish immigrant. That happened in the early 1960s, when a Christian, one Kabarik Jacobian, was sent from Cairo to Brazil where, with false papers, he joined the Jewish community. He had even been circumcised in preparation for his role. Then, as Itzhak Kochuk, he applied to the Jewish Agency, and in 1961 was sent to Israel.

Upon arrival he joined the army, but Israel's counter-intelligence soon had him under surveillance. He was permitted to go about his activity for a short while, in the hopes that he would reveal his contacts, but was finally arrested. Later he was returned to Egypt in exchange for three Israelis held there.

The story is quite different from that of David Simchon, alias Levi Cohen. Maybe we'll see the new version in the movies next.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: There was a misunderstanding between JB and the editor about the regular column which JB submitted for this week so we substituted the story by Carl Alpert, instead. JB's column will return in this space next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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CHIVALRY OVER JEWISH WOMEN

In a recent column, the valiant Rabbi Moses Burak makes a chivalrous effort to defend the prayer, *Shelo Asanai Isho* (in which the male thanks God "who has not made me a woman").

Rabbi Burak defends that prayer by portraying the lot of women as more onerous than that of men. Therefore the male should be gracious enough to thank God for this favor.

The rabbi also quotes the Talmud to show that women are considered more intellectual than men — in fact, virtual Einsteins.

The objections to Burak's defence are obvious. If women are overworked, men should not offer a prayer of thanks to God. Rather, they ought to ameliorate the lot of females. A man should give his woman a dishwasher — either of the mechanical or human kind.

My explanation for the prayer is this: The male is saying, "Thank God that He made me a male. For if I were a female, I could not appreciate the beauty and charm of the woman!"

Rabbi Jacob Chinitz
Halifax

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WHERE'S JEWISH TRAVEL ANGLE?

The CJN is an excellent newspaper and you cover a wide range of topics of Jewish interest.

However, I have observed that in your Travel section, the majority of articles are not of a Jewish nature.

What is the reason for this?

Akiva Gitelman
Montreal

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wherever it's possible or relevant, we try to publish travel articles with a Jewish slant. However, we regard our readers as Canadians concerned with a myriad of subjects not always just narrowly confined to Judaism. We believe that, just as they are interested in many aspects of the arts, sports, fashion, economics and business that may affect their lives, so are they interested in exotic destinations when they travel.

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ISKOWITZ'S PRIZE MITZVAH

In the Oct. 29 The Canadian Jewish News article entitled "Royal Academy honors Iskowitz," you neglected to mention why Gershon Iskowitz ~~rec~~eived a Citation of Merit. I am sure your readers will be interested to know that it was for an extraordinary *mitzvah* on the part of this renowned artist.

The Royal Canadian Academy honored him for his "exceptional actions which have improved the environment for visual artists in Canada."

Gershon took those "exceptional actions" in 1985 by founding the Gershon Iskowitz Foundation, which endows the Gershon Iskowitz Prize, in association with the Canada Council.

Awarded for the first time this year, it goes annually to "an artist who has shown continuous and exceptional achievement in the visual arts."

The magnanimity of this gesture is especially surprising in light of the fact that Iskowitz is by no means wealthy, and lives very simply in his studio.

It is his way, he says, of saying thank you to the Canada Council — and by extension, to Canada — for the financial support they gave him during his needy years.

Vivienne Muhling
Toronto

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Reader praises Montreal theatre producer Dora Wasserman for her contribution to Yiddish theatre.

WASSERMAN, YOU'RE A WOW!

Bravo to Dora Wasserman and thank you for what you are presently giving to the Jewish community in Montreal.

Dora and her wonderful Jewish theatre group delighted our hearts and minds with her superb production *If you want it, it is not a dream.* It is a great joy; indeed, a Jewish joy to be part of an evening in which the eye and the soul are lifted to sublime heights.

The enormous contribution which for the last 30 years Dora Wasserman and her team of talented women and men have given to the Yiddish theatre and to Jewish culture in Montreal is reaching now a summit of delight.

This salute to the 40th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel must be seen by every Jewish soul in Montreal — and indeed all over Canada.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

BOUQUETS TO RASKY, GASNER

The CJN writers Frank Rasky and Cynthia Gasner deserve bouquets from Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto.

They each wrote a portion of the recent book, *Continuing from Strength to Strength*, chronicling the 80-year history of Associated and the biography of its late teacher, Aba Danilack.

As the book's editor, I can vouch for their attention to fact, detail and deadlines.

The Canadian Jewish News is fortunate to have such professional and sensitive people who express themselves so eloquently in print.

Hilda E. Wilson
Toronto

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OTTAWA SCHOOL LEFT OUT

In an Oct. 15 article, headlined "Principals form Council," it is noted that a council of all Hebrew school principals has been formed in Ottawa.

However, the article omitted one school. In addition to the six schools mentioned, Ecole Maimonides, which offers its 140 students a blend of Torah studies and French immersion secular studies, will also be participating in this council.

The activities of the principals' council will be coordinated by the community-supported Education Resource Centre.

Dr. E. Y. Lipsitz
Executive Director
Canadian Jewish Congress
Ontario region
Toronto

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CITRON WINS LIBEL SUITS

Over the years, I have come to rely on The CJN to select and highlight those events which have particular relevance to Jewish culture and survival.

It has, therefore, disturbed me that, following the victory of Sabina Citron in her suit against the Toronto Sun and alleged Nazi Imre Finta, not a word of reportage appeared in your columns!

I was obliged to turn to "goyishe" press for coverage of this very significant event.

One must conclude either that The CJN chose not to put a reporter on the scene, or that you chose not to publish his report.

Sabina Citron and her colleagues Helen Smolack and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association deserve salute from the entire Canadian Jewish community for their unrelenting, gutsy pursuit and prosecution of Nazi war criminals and hatemongers in Canada.

And The CJN readers deserve an explanation from you.

Nomi Winkler
Toronto

EDITOR'S NOTE: The CJN does not routinely cover the courts, nor are we privy to what goes on in the offices of The Sun. So we were unaware of the action taking place until we ourselves read about it in the Toronto Star. We tried to contact Mrs. Citron, but without success, so we picked up the story from the Star and it ran in the Nov. 19 issue headed "Ottawa urged to charge alleged war criminal."

It reported that Sabina Citron, spokesperson for the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, alleged five years ago that retired restaurateur Imre Finta, 76, was responsible for deporting Hungarian Jews to slave labor camps.

In a story carried by the Toronto Sun, Finta was quoted as saying the charges were "dirty lies." Subsequently a Sun editorial criticized Citron for raising the allegations.

Citron sued both the Sun and Finta for libel, aguing her reputation was affected and the credibility of the Association was damaged.

During the hearings before the Ontario Supreme Court, videotaped statements by five Holocaust survivors in Europe identified Finta as the Hungarian Mounted Police captain who directed their deportation.

The case resulted in the Sun agreeing to pay $100,000 in an out-of-court settlement and issuing an apology and retraction. Judge Richard Holland ordered Finta to pay $32,000 in damages and costs and submit a written apology for accusing Citron of lying.

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PLAUDITS TO PARKINSON

I'd like to compliment Bruce Parkinson for the sincerity and honesty he displayed when writing of my experiences guiding Israeli tours for Fisher-Fremont Travel Limited.

He's a journalist who obviously loves his profession, and has a great future in store.

Sara Pachter
Toronto

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SINGLES ARTICLE HELPED

This letter is to thank you and The CJN's writer Avi Hyman, for the very gratifying article that was written about the JCO Valley Singles Network in The Canadian Jewish News.

Sally Kerbel
Toronto

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LAUDS LUNGEN TENNIS STORY

Re Paul Lungen's recent excellent story headed "Tennis tourney held in memory of Henry Amar":

His article captured quite effectively the spirit and purpose of the Chay Tennis Tournament. Such was the comment expressed by a number of your readers.

Meyer Keslassy
Toronto

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"BOOMER" IS ROSEN BOOSTER

We really appreciated Jeff Rosen's Oct. 22 article headed " 'Building Boomer' starts homes in Bayview Hill" and subheaded "Silverberg's a 2nd generation developer."

The article was informative, accurate and very flattering to me and my company, Edgeport Home Corp.

Jeff Silverberg
Concord, Ont.

World-National

Decisions expected to intensify divisions

Court strikes down law banning Sabbath films

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The secular community here won a major victory last week when a local court struck down a city ordinance banning the commercial screening of films on the Sabbath.

But the ruling is expected to intensify the bitter dispute between ultra-Orthodox and non-observant Jews over strict enforcement of Sabbath observance. The municipality, which has been seeking a compromise between the two communities, plans to appeal.

The religious bloc in the Knesset reacted angrily to the court's decision. Former Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party, called it a "breach of the status quo on religious affairs." He indicated the religious parties would demand that the Knesset enact legislation restricting public entertainment on Friday nights.

The case developed when the municipality brought charges against two Jerusalem movie theatres for screening films on Friday nights in violation of a local ban. Judge Ayala Procaccia rejected the charges on grounds that issues involving freedom of religion and conscience are the province of the Knesset, not the city council.

Mayor Teddy Kollek has been walking a thin line between the demands by the Orthodox for total enforcement of the Sabbath and the secular community's claim of an individual's right to decide how to spend Israel's one non-working day. While Kollek agrees that Jerusalem's "special character" should be preserved by keeping "commercial cinemas" closed on Friday nights, he would allow films at private clubs, such as the local Cinematheque. He said that he would continue to pursue that line.

He blamed the "fanatical behavior" of the ultra-Orthodox for provoking a sharp reaction from the secular community. For more than a year, Jerusalem has been the scene of rock-throwing and pitched battles in the streets as ultra-Orthodox Jews attempted to prevent the non-observant from entering cinemas.

Observers here expect the demonstrations to intensify. According to one legal authority, Prof. Baruch Bracha, the local court's decision was in line with the basic approach of Israeli jurisprudence — that limitations on the freedom of the individual for religious reasons can be imposed only by the Knesset.

KGB keeps Begun, activists on tight leash

JERUSALEM — Former Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun and a score of other Soviet Jewry activitists were prevented by the KGB from taking part in a Moscow demonstration recently and confined to their homes.

The demonstration was to have protested anti-Jewish remarks in the Soviet press.

Later in the week, the long-awaited arrival in Israel of Begun and his family has also hit with a new snag, according to Soviet Jewish sources in Tel Aviv.

They said the entire Begun family — Yosef and his wife Inna, his son Boris, 23, and his wife Yanna, 24, and their child — went to collect their exit visas.

Yosef and Inna received theirs, but Boris and Yanna demanded the right to retain their Soviet citizenship after emigration. Their request was refused.

Boris and Yanna say they will not leave the Soviet Union without their Soviet passports and the right to return in order to visit their family including Boris' mother (Yosef Begun's former wife) and Yanna's parents, who refused to sign the required consent for their daughter's emigration.

Yanna was recently told she could leave with her father's consent. The Begun family's exit visas expire Dec. 8.

In other Soviet Jewry news, a group of Jewish activists demonstrating Tuesday near the Moscow emigration office, as well as several Western journalists covering the protest, were beaten up by a group of bystanders.

The assailants reportedly had the complicity of Soviet security agents.

Four of the Jewish activists were arrested by police and given prison sentences ranging from seven to 15 days, while others were fined up to the equivalent of $65.

The demonstration — organized to protest the upcoming forced Soviet army conscription of an 18-year-old Jewish man, Alexander Poberezsky, of Moscow — lasted about four minutes.

It ended after about 50 people, reportedly bused to the scene by Soviet police, ripped posters from the demonstrators' hands and assaulted camera crews from the ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC television networks, cutting camera wires and throwing snow on lenses.

The demonstators were dragged from the scene to waiting police buses where they were kicked and beaten, according to news reports from Moscow.

Broadcast journalists, MDs go back to work in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two 7-week strikes that inconvenienced the public ended last Friday.

Journalists of the Israel Broadcasting Authority (IBA) agreeed to return to work, capping 51 days of radio silence and television screen blackout.

Meanwhile, physicians at Histadrut Kupat Holim sick fund hospitals are back in full force, allowing the hospitals to return to normal after seven weeks of reduced Sabbath schedules.

The journalists' decision was apparently spurred by their guilt and that of management in the face of the public's desire for information about the hang-glider terrorist attack last week. The journalists had sought salary increases.

The agreement reached between the strikers and the IBA directorate calls for the strikers to join arbitration proceedings.

IBA director-general Uri Porat postponed his reorganization plans and agreed to submit those proposals to the journalists for their full consideration and comments before any new steps are initiated.

The doctors have agreed to end their job action, and the Histadrut management has agreed to institute second shifts in operating rooms and clinics in return for extra salaries for doctors working the extra hours.

Congress backed on "who is Jew"

KIAMESHA LAKE, NY – Canadian Conservative Jews have expressed unanimous support for the position taken recently by the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress opposing any change to Israel's Law of Return.

The Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism's delegates from across Canada passed the resolution at the recent United Synagogue of America Biennial Convention.

The resolution states that the CCCJ "endorses the position taken by both the CJC and the United Israel Appeal of Canada, opposing any change in Israel's Law of Return.

"The amendment being presented to the Knesset would have a negative effect on both aliya and financial support of Israel by non-Orthodox North American Jews, who constitute the large majority of Jews on this continent."

In other convention business, Ruth Bass of Toronto and William Abrams of Montreal were elected co-presidents of the council for a 2-year term and Norma Rubin of Toronto was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Rabbi Erwin Schild of Toronto was elected president of Mercaz-Canada, the new Conservative Zionist party in the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University, Montreal, addressed a Plenum Session of nearly 1,500 United Synagogue of America delegates from across the continent on Human Rights — The Plight of Soviet Jewry.

In a seminar, chaired by Alan Stern of Halifax, Dr. Avinoam Chernick of London, Dr. Morton Lang of Montreal and Evelyn Hecht of Winnipeg, discussed Canadian Jewry — A Distinct North American Society.

The Jewish Quiz

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(1) What do children do on Chanukah nights?

(2) In what city of Israel are the Hashmoneans buried?

(3) What do adults do in some communities on Chanukah nights?

ANSWERS:

(1) Play with the dreidel or sevivon.

(2) Modiin.

3. Play cards.

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Edmond Y. Lipsitz

These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Israeli medical profession differs

Doctors discuss euthanasia

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — A cross-section of Israel's medical profession objects adamantly to euthanasia, it emerged at the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs committee recently.

The committee was discussing a private member's bill by Meir Cohen-Avidov (Likud). This measure, while not advocating euthanasia as such, would allow a patient to refuse medication, and to depose a legal testament at age 70, whereby his life would not be prolonged by artificial means, once he became senile or entered terminal unconsciousness.

The medical luminaries who testified at the committee rejected Cohen-Avidov's theses and condemned all legislation for euthanasia in general.

Dr. Haim Gordon, director of the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, condemned the idea of taking patients off life-support apparatus.

Prof. Shoshana Biran, head of oncology at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital, Ein Karem, said that in modern medicine, it is usually not the patient who suffers, but his relatives.

Dr. Moshe Tirosh, deputy director of the Tel Hashomer Government Hospital, said that Cohen-Avidov's proposal was not aimed at defending the right of a patient to die, but aimed at finding the patient an executioner.

Prof. Marcel Elaykim, dean of the medical faculty at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, said that instead of legislation, a "Patients' Bill of Rights" should be devised, prescribing when a patient is entitled to refuse treatment or hospitalization.

Dr. Marian Rabinovitz, director of Tel Hashomer Hospice for terminal patients, said he often encountered cases of patients pleading "let me die" and then half an hour later asking for some tiny scratch to be treated.

Dr. Ram Yishai, chairman of the Medical Association, said that the purpose of legislation in the U.S. enabling patients to order that they be taken off life support machines was to protect the doctors against negligence charges, and not to defend the interests of the patients.

Witness is exempted in Demjanjuk trial

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The John Demjanjuk war crimes trial was suspended last week until Dec. 14, as the court exempted defence witness William Flynn from further testimony due to pressure by Demjanjuk supporters in the United States.

Flynn, a forensic expert, was caught in a dilemma. At the beginning of the cross-examination by prosecutor Michael Shaked, Flynn announced he could no longer proceed, because the Americans paying for Demjanjuk's defence said they would sue Flynn for breach of contract if he continued to testify.

The supporters took this measure apparently because the court rejected a photo montage and forgery of a document, prepared by Flynn, as proof that documents allegedly incriminating the defendant could also have been forged.

Demjanjuk, a retired auto worker living in Cleveland, is on trial here for crimes he allegedly committed as the Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible." Demjanjuk denies he is Ivan, but the prosecution claims an SS identification card provided by the Soviet Union proves he is.

As a result of the court's refusal of Flynn's documents, the defence asked the court to disregard his entire testimony. However, the court accepted the prosecution demand that the testimony be regarded as valid, and that he be cross-examined.

After Flynn balked, the court recessed, then exempted him from further testimony.

Jakobovits slams Shoah "industry"

By HAIM SHAPIRO

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Despite widespread acceptance of the Holocaust as a tragedy unique in Jewish history, leading Torah scholars are "unanimous" in "denying the uniqueness of the Holocaust as an event different . . . from any previous national catastrophe," according to British Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits.

Chief Rabbi Jakobovits

The British Chief Rabbi noted that this was the case, despite the existence of what he described as "an entire industry, with handsome profits for writing, researchers, filmmakers, monument builders, museum planners and even politicians."

He added that some rabbis and theologians were "partners in this big business."

The theme of Jakobovits' B'nai B'rith Jerusalem Address" last week was "Religious Response to the Holocaust: Retrospect and Prospect."

For him, rebuilding is far more important than remembering.

The survivors, he said, could only overcome the past and focus on the future by "recognizing in the Holocaust a replication of Jewish history's cycle of appalling catastrophes followed by survival and regeneration."

Referring to that section of Torah leadership which was "hardest hit" by the catastrophe suffered by European Jewry, the chassidic and yeshiva worlds, he said that it was rabbis from those sectors who were least concerned about commemorating the catastrophe with special prayers or fast days.

The hundreds, if not thousands, of Torah luminaries who perished are "seemingly unremembered."

This follows, he noted, the halachic responsa of two of the greatest sages of the period, the Rabbi of Brisk (Rabbi Velvl Soloveitchik) and the Hazon Ish (Rabbi Avraham Karelitz), who opposed any commemoration other than that already observed on Tisha B'Av.

Jakobovits speculated that the Hazon Ish objected to establishing a special anniversary for remembering the Holocaust because he feared that the day would be "appropriated in a secular format." In fact, he added, this is indeed what has happened.

To be sure, the British Chief Rabbi said, there were Torah scholars who searched for reasons for this catastrophe.

One such scholar, formerly a bitter opponent of Zionism, concluded that anti-Zionism was the source of the evil. Another argued that the visit of the mufti to Germany in 1942, in his frenzied efforts to prevent Jewish immigration to Palestine, set in motion the extermination.

More than one scholar saw assimilation, emancipation, religious reform and lack of faith as the cause of the tragedy.

As for the results of the Holocaust, Jakobovits expressed his own conviction that the State of Israel would not have come into being had it not been for this tragedy.

As for the future, he warned against a view of Judaism in which the Holocaust assumed a central role. "Would it not be a catastrophic perversion of the Jewish spirit if brooding over the Holocaust were to become a substantial element in the Jewish purpose, and if the anxiety to prevent another Holocaust were to be relied upon as an essential incentive for Jewish activity?"

He called for a shift in emphasis from "the survival of Jews to the survival of Judaism. For without Judaism, Jewish survival is both questionable and meaningless."

Senate gets brief

TORONTO — A brief on the Meech Lake constitutional accord prepared by the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ad Hoc Constitutional Committee will be presented to the Senate Committee of the Whole in the near future, CJC has announced.

The main points of the brief will deal with duality/distinctiveness, the appointment of Supreme Court judges and immigration, says Joseph Wilder, national chairman of Congress' Joint Community Relations Committee under which the Ad Hoc Committee was established.

Sign up

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **More than 70 Soviet Jews have signed up for the first officially sanctioned Hebrew courses in the Soviet Union, according to information reaching the Soviet Jewry Information Center in Jerusalem.**

The report was hailed by government sources here familiar with Soviet Jewish affairs as an important step for Jewish culture in the Soviet Union.

The Name Game

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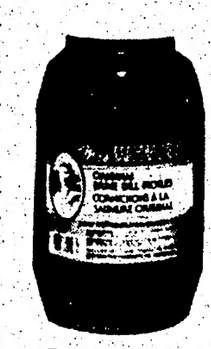

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Sara Lee plans to contest anti-boycott charges

CHICAGO —

Sara Lee Corporation and its subsidiaries, which are banned by the League of Arab States from dealing in the Arab countries, "strongly oppose the Arab boycott of Israel" and says it will contest charges brought against the corporation by the Office of Anti-Boycott Compliance (OAC), a unit of the U.S. department of commerce.

Gordon H. Newman, Sara Lee Corporation senior vice-president and general counsel, said that the OAC alleges that Sara Lee Corporation violated anti-boycott provisions of the Export Administration Act. The charges stem from information provided by a Sara Lee Corporation subsidiary in connection with a 1982 application to register the corporation's L'eggs trademark to protect it in Kuwait and other Arab countries, he said.

"The charges against Sara Lee Corporation are misleading and grossly exaggerated, and the OAC's method of calculating the number of violations is outrageous," Newman said. "It's absurd that a company should face potential fines of $2.35 million for providing information in connection with a trademark registration application."

The OAC charges that the forwarding of four documents translates into 235 violations of law carrying potential fines up to $10,000 per violation. Newman said. He said that 229 of the 235 alleged violations relate solely to providing the names and nationalities of the corporation's 39 officers and members of the board of directors and the names of its 190 domestic and foreign subsidiaries.

"If we inadvertently violated a very complex and highly technical law by providing already-public information in an effort to protect our company's trademark overseas, it certainly was not done as an action against Israel where we currently have business relationships and continue to do business," Newman said.

He said the corporation has not participated in and will not take part in any boycott action against Israel. Sara Lee Corporation has a long-standing agreement with an Israeli company to manufacture knitwear products for sale in the United States. Sara Lee Corporation officials believe that a 1976 joint venture agreement with an Israeli chemical firm led to the Arab ban.

Newman noted that the late Nathan Cummings, founder of Sara Lee Corporation, was Jewish and a supporter of Israel and Jewish philanthropies. In addition, Charles Lubin, founder of the corporation's Kitchens of Sara Lee division, also is Jewish and a supporter of Israel and Jewish causes.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Martin Weyl, the director of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, recently announced plans to build an $11 million addition to the museum to house 20th-century art. The new wing will be named after Nathan Cummings, who was a principal patron of the museum project before his death in 1985.

Aviad appointed UNESCO envoy

JERUSALEM —

Yakov Aviad, former Israel consul-general in Montreal, has been appointed Israel's permanent representative to UNESCO, the United Nations' educational, scientific and cultural agency with headquarters in Paris. The appointment is effective next summer.

Aviad was consul-general in Montreal from 1983-86. He has been working at the Foreign Office in Jerusalem since his return to Israel.

A former ambassador to the Philippines, Aviad also served as consul-general in Los Angeles, deputy consul-general in New York, and chief of protocol for the Foreign Ministry.

While in Montreal, he was Israel's permanent representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization, a UN agency based here. He has also been a member of numerous Israeli delegations at international conferences.

New citizenship award

EDMONTON —

A new citizenship award has been created to recognize and honor exemplary citizenship, Secretary of State David Crombie has announced.

Beginning next year the award will be presented to individual Canadians as well as business and community organizations. Nominators must show that their candidate's volunteer activities "embody and affirm" one or more of the equality, diversity and community principles characterizing Canadian citizenship, according to a Secretary of State news release.

To be called The Citation for Citizenship, the award will include a certificate of honor and a maple leaf cluster lapel pin. The awards will be presented in Ottawa during National Citizenship Week held annually in April.

For more information, write to the Citation for Citizenship Secretariat, Citizenship Registration and Promotion Branch, Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa K1A 0M5. Nomination forms must be returned before Jan. 15.

Partial victory won by hotels

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Jerusalem hotel owners have won a partial victory in their perennial war with the local rabbinate, according to a decision of the Interior Committee.

The committee announced that it had decided unanimously, with the concurrence of the Jerusalem rabbinate, that Jerusalem hotels can hold New Year parties on Dec. 31 for hotel guests.

The committee asked hotels not to advertise the New Year parties and not to use the term "Sylvester" for New Year's Eve. For Catholics, Dec. 31 is St. Sylvester's Day.

The decision was taken to mean that tickets to the parties would not be sold to the general public, and that those wishing to celebrate would have to register as hotel guests.

Knesset members from the Agudat Yisrael and Shas parties described the rabbinate's consent to the compromise as "scandalous" in view of the fact that in the past the rabbinate had prevented hotels giving New Year's Eve parties by withdrawing the hotels' kashrut certificates.

Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer said he had not been informed of the impending decision, but felt it was within the purview of the rabbinate and not the ministry.

Hammer said that on Dec. 31 most hotel guests in Jerusalem are Christian pilgrims and tourists.

BB League will appeal court defamation decision

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Fedorkiw and he even praised her. The headline, however, did not reflect the contents of the article. It spoke of a "Jew-Baiting Charge" against Fedorkiw. Foster suggested the term was first used by the League member when talking to the Sun reporter and was probably added by a night editor.

As Norm Cuddy, Fedorkiw's lawyer, observed though, people remember the headlines. They don't often read the story very carefully. The paper wasn't named in the suit because Fedorkiw didn't act soon enough.

As to the effect of the newspaper story on her campaign, Foster pointed out that Fedorkiw probably would have lost anyway. She was running in a solid New Democratic Party riding and, even though she cut sitting member David Orlikow's margin of victory from 25% to 13%, she was still far behind.

The lawyer also noted her difficulties within her own party and the fact that she ignored the allegations when they were brought to her by prominent Conservatives long before the article hit the streets.

The jury obviously disagreed.

Speaking for the League, current chairman Lyle Smordin said he was amazed at the astronomical size of the award and indicated there will be an appeal. "The decision won't deter the League in its human rights work," he said, "but we will have to be more cautious about talking to the media and we won't publish names anymore."

Neither will the decision hinder Ukrainian-Jewish relations strained by the Deschenes inquiry into Nazi war criminals living in Canada and the Demjanjuk case in Israel. Ludwig has been a leading force in building bridges between the two communities in Winnipeg and reported many members of the Ukrainian community came forth to offer him their support. Fedorkiw also has had many Jewish friends, several of whom spoke on her behalf in court.

Calgary program highly praised

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importance of the Holocaust, an understanding of its moral implications, the concept of genocide, an analysis of the Nazi plan of genocide against the Jews and other relevant material.

Between 1,500-1,700 students from Calgary high schools and 60-80 teachers were involved; the teachers were given special "in service" training on methodology of teaching the Holocaust.

After four years, the Blueprint for Human Rights has become a part of the teaching curriculum in public and Catholic school boards. Currently a nationally recongized program to which many Jewish Centres and boards of education refer, it regularly receives highly laudatory evaluations from students.

Funding is provided by the Calgary Jewish Community Council, Hadassah-WIZO, and a Second Generation endowment fund consisting of gifts from survivors.

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Family separations hover over joy: Toronto activist

Ex-Refuseniks in Israel not free of the agony

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

For every uplifting story about Soviet Jews resettling in Israel, there is a downside, a Toronto activist says.

Wendy Litwack, co-chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region's Committee for Soviet Jewry, recently returned from a 10-day trip to Israel during which she met with many newly released Refuseniks and some separated Refusenik families.

"There were so many unhappy stories ... people who can't restart their lives because of the agonies of being separated from their families."

For instance, Dimitry Ioffe, whose father Alex's hunger strike led to his release, has just moved out of the absorption centre into an apartment. He has a teaching assistant job at the Technion and is a PhD candidate in math but his happiness won't be complete until the family is reunited, she said.

"There are so many people still struggling for the release of parents or children. These people live half-filled lives ... they never permit themselves to truly enjoy their ew lives because their hearts are half in Israel and the other in Russia enduring an agonizing struggle."

For Litwack, the trip was almost a coming full circle — she met face-to-face with Refuseniks such as Vladimir Slepak and Ida Nudel, people who were exiles in Siberia when she visited the country in 1978.

At Slepak's 60th birthday celebration given by President Chaim Herzog, to which she was invited, all the speeches were in Hebrew. Among the guests were Refusenik Alexander Lerner's daughter Sonia, who had recently emigrated. An amplified call was placed to the Soviet Union and she spoke to her father.

Avraham Harman, of Israel's Public Council for Soviet Jewry, spoke about Slepak's two lives — the first half in the Soviet Union (he first applied to emigrate 17 years ago) and the second half filled with creativity and good health in a peaceful Israel.

"Slepak kept saying, 'I'm a simple Jew and I accept the celebrations not personally but in the name of all Jews who struggled.' "

As for Nudel, who Litwack called hard to track down because of a variety of commitments (she pledged to visit Canada as part of a North American tour in the spring), she said their meeting was "so special. She's a unique lady."

Before a speech at Binyan Ha'ooma (Jerusalem convention centre) to olim, Nudel was introduced "as a torch whose light had shone throughout the USSR and reached Jews throughout the world and now in Israel she would be a beacon for others to follow."

Nudel told a capacity crowd of 3,000 in quiet but forceful English — "she first apologized and said her Hebrew was not too good and she didn't want to speak in Russian" — that the road to Israel had been a long and difficult one for many Soviet Jews, some of whom died enroute.

"All of us share the same experience; to be cut off from one society and to establish a new one in Israel. Slepak went through nightmares ... my life also wasn't easy but not for one moment in 16 years did I ever reject the idea of going to Israel despite all I went through...

"For me this has been a personal victory which I owe to my family and the thousands who supported my resistance."

Litwack said Nudel then urged the olim especially those from the Soviet Union to not write "bad letters" to them.

"They don't understand that to establish yourself in a new society is a difficult experience ... when you go through a bad experience, call me," she said, adding "I wish all of us bring much pleasure, pride and dignity to our homeland."

Litwack's visit with Viktor Brailovsky came under the category unfinished business — after she met him on her trip to Moscow and they were saying goodbye they promised to see each other again. To her question of where, he said, Jerusalem.

"It was a sense of deja vu. I spent five hours in their Moscow apartment talking about strategies and almost 10 years later we sat in Israel talking again about the same thing."

She said he voiced his concern that it is mandatory to mobilize world opinion to press the Soviet to amend certain laws — most notably the emigration decree — which make it impossible for many Soviet Jews, "so many friends," to emigrate.

During her meeting with Yuli Edelshtein, who was in Toronto Nov. 25 to 30, she told him about the lobby launched by his Toronto-based family and how excited they were to work on his behalf.

"We talked about how it really was a miracle that 260,000 Jews have left the Soviet Union in the last 20 years," she said, adding that the miracle was created and perpetuated by Western activists, without whose help it wouldn't have happened.

Litwack said that for many years in the early 1980s when very few were getting out, "it was hard to reactivate ourselves because the struggle seemed fruitless. Now to see the fruits of our labor — for glasnost or whatever reason — gives them (Soviet Jews) renewed hope and gives us in the West inspiration, a shot of adrenalin, to carry on."

She said that the committee she heads with Marsha Slavens now will increase its efforts in Refusenik family adoptions. At present, about 15 to 20 families have been adopted by synagogues and other Jewish institutions.

"Our goal is that every organization, synagogue and Jewish institution have a Refusenik family for which it is responsible ... to keep up a line of communication so they know they're not alone," she said.

"We can make them as famous as a Nudel ... put their names in the forefront of the movement which puts pressure on the Soviets to release them."

Recently released Refuseniks Lev Oysishcher (left) and Vladimir Slepak greet each other in the streets of Jerusalem. [Wendy Litwack photo]

Rabbi: Merit respect to move non-religious

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Religious Jews who wish to influence the non-religious community should ensure that they are worthy of respect and attention, says a former Toronto rabbi.

"We can't expect them to listen to us just because we say they should," said Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, former spiritual leader of Clanton Park Synagogue and now rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Birkat Moshe in Israel.

He was speaking at a Yeshivat Or Chaim/Ulpanot Orot dinner held recently at Clanton Park Synagogue to honor rabbi David Aronson, outgoing executive director of the schools.

Religious Jews, he said, must follow the examples of the patriarch Abraham, whom "even the B'nai Chet (Hittities) could recognize as a prince of God."

Abraham was concerned with the problems of this world, said the rabbi. He didn't think it beneath him to look for the water necessary to cultivate the land and feed the animals, and helped the local population dig wells.

"Abraham's concern," Rabinovitch said, "was not limited to sympathy and prayer (although he did pray — even for wicked Sodom). He didn't shrink from taking up arms in a righteous cause."

Finally, when God ordered Abraham to circumcize himself, he asked his non-Jewish friend Mamre for advice. "He felt that he owed the people among whom he lived the respect of consulting them," said Rabinovitch.

We too, he said, are faced with the challenge of defining the covenant "for our time and for generations yet unborn."

For us it is necessary, he said, to win the respect and confidence of the non-religious by taking a role in the day-to-day problems of Israel, and by being willing to defend it. Rabinovitch especially praised the yeshivat chesder concept, in which young men combine Torah study with military service.

"We must show respect for those who don't yet know Torah," he added. "A patronizing attitude of disdain undermines what the Torah stands for."

Rabbi Aronson, who was executive director of Yeshivat Or Chaim/Ulpanot Orot for 10 years, was praised by rosh yeshiva (dean) Rabbi Avishai David.

The rosh yeshiva spoke of Aronson's talents as an educator, his many acts of kindness and understanding toward students, staff and parents, and for being "a role model for the type of student we want to develop: well-versed in Torah, but au courant with the secular world, and imbued with a love for Israel."

David, school president Nahman Sokol and chairman of the board Saul Koschitzky presented Aronson with a scroll. He was also given a framed photograph of his spiritual mentor Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik by Mizrachi national executive director Rabbi Menachem Gopin.

Aronson's wife, Leah, was presented with a gift by Or Chaim/Ulpanot Orot Parents' Association president Joy Zigelman.

Divrei (words of) Torah were given by grade 13 students Pesach Wolicki, president of the Or Chaim students' council, and by Tema Levine, president of the Ulpanot Orot students' council. Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot are the boys and girls' branches respectively of the B'nai Akiva yeshivot. Although housed separately, they are operated as one school.

Aronson, in an emotional response, praised his colleagues, lay leaders and executive for "their commitment and dedication to the school." He thanked them for giving him the opportunity to work in education.

Chinuch (education), said Aronson, was "not a job, but a cause" for him. In a lighter vein, he warned his successor, Jerry Solomon, that the position of executive director also entails "expertise in two dozen areas, the ability to juggle a dozen opinions at once, and the talent to perform six tasks in any given 60 seconds.

Excommunication warning on eruv

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

A warning of excommunication from an halachic pioneer has been invoked in a heavily annotated point-by-point response to critics of Toronto's eruv.

"Those who have the nerve to present themselves as God's zealots, uttering smut from their mouths and saying that the eruv is not allowed, will pay for it with their soul," writes community elder Rabbi Abraham Price, guardian of Toronto's eruv since the early 50s.

The response "is my final say on the matter," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "I have nothing more to add."

Price quotes Rabbi Asher Ben Rav Yechiel. The 13th century pioneer Talmud halachist was admonishing a contemporary, Rabbi Yaakov Ben Rav Moshe, for refusing to recognize a community eruv of strung wire.

"If you do not put up the eruv within two weeks of receiving this letter, you will be liable to excommunication and to one of the four forms of execution ordained by the Sanhedrin."

The Sanhedrin was the Jewish supreme court in Temple times.

"If you had lived in the time of the Sanhedrin, you would have been executed by them," continues Rabbi Asher. Rabbi Asher's statement is found on page 50 of The Responsa of Rabbeinu Asher, Grossman Publishers, New York, Price told The CJN.

The eruv is a legal boundary mitigating the biblical injunction against carrying anything in public on Shabbat. The domain within its embrace is considered private, allowing restricted transfers within it. Siddurs, tallisim, and other necessities for Shabbat may be carried. Infants may be carried, or wheeled, as well as the handicapped.

Some authorities ascribe the creation of the first eruv to King Solomon's times.

Toronto's eruv is composed of the lakeshore in the south, the Humber River valley in the west, the hydro towers at Highway 7 in the north, and the Rouge River valley in the east.

"This eruv will stay good for hundreds of years," said Price. "It is one of the best eruvs ever made."

Said Price, in last week's interview: "If someone wishes to intensify the law for himself and not carry on Shabbat, Rabbi Asher has no objection. A person may restrict himself from what is permitted almost as much as he wants. But he cannot impose his personal restrictions on the community at large."

Price's recently completed 26-page response is being distributed to the Vaad Harabonim (Orthodox rabbinical council). A vaad committee is still studying charges of invalidity first levelled against the eruv by the spiritual leaders of Kollel Avreichim, on Coldstream Ave., about 10 months ago.

Price told The CJN that his points are backed by specific references from a number of authorities spanning hundreds of years. The sources are readily available for verification, he said.

"They have my report," said Price. "I have nothing more to add. It's all up to them now."

Committee head Rabbi Henry Hoschander told The CJN that the vaad is in the process of reviewing Rabbi Price's points. "Right now, there is absolutely nothing new," he said.

The CJN was told in early September that a vaad decision, based in part on the first half of Price's report and on a visual inspection, would likely be rendered by Rosh Hashanah.

Reform calling for smoking ban

NEW YORK —

The 1.3-million member Union of American Hebrew Congregations has called on its 810 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada to "ban smoking entirely" at all of their "meetings, functions and workplaces."

In a resolution adopted at its recent national biennial convention, the Reform Jewish group also called on the United States and Canada "to phase out subsidies to the tobacco industry, while taking steps to cushion adverse economic impact." The UAHC convention delegates also voted to "establish educational programs in religious schools and youth programs that discourage the use of smoking and non-smoking tobacco products."

World-National

Vineberg active in community work

Leading tax expert had interest in education

MONTREAL — Philip Vineberg, a prominent lawyer and director of several major corporations, died suddenly last week of a heart attack at the age of 73. The funeral was held at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

The senior partner of the law firm Phillips & Vineberg, he was the nephew of its founder Lazarus Phillips, who also passed away this year.

Vineberg joined the firm in 1939, specializing in corporate, commercial and tax law. Although he was one of Canada's leading tax experts, Vineberg's erudition also extended to many other aspects of the law and to a wide range of non-legal subjects, including English and French literature, archeology and Judaica.

He was a director of and legal counsel to The Seagram Co. Ltd., Cadillac-Fairview Corp., Cemp Investments Ltd., Edper Investments Ltd., Reitman's Ltd. and the National Bank of Canada, among other companies.

He was a professor and lecturer at McGill University, where he was also a governor, and at Sir George Williams University for more than 30 years. Among his students at McGill were his two sons Michael and Robert, who are both members of their father's law firm.

Vineberg's death came as a shock to his colleagues. "He was an exceedingly active and vigorous man, who would never have retired," said Michael. "He had been conferring with a client at the time he took ill." Vineberg died a few hours later.

Born in Mattawa, Ont., in 1914, Vineberg was a brilliant economics and law student at McGill University and the Ecole Libres des Sciences Politiques in Paris. He joined Phillips & Vineberg (which has undergone a number of name changes) after being called to the Bar of Quebec in 1939.

Vineberg was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1959, and batonnier of the Montreal Bar in 1969, the first Jew to occupy the position. He was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1974.

Vineberg served as chairman of the Canadian Tax Foundation, of the Quebec Revenue Ministry's consultative committee and of the Quebec Branch of the Canadian Bar Association, as well as president of the Canadian Branch of the International Fiscal Association. He was a member of the executive of many other professional, public service and communal organizations.

Education was paramount among Vineberg's Jewish community interests. He was a fellow of Brandeis University, a governor of Bar-Ilan University and of Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, a vice-president of the Canadian Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, and a director of United Talmud Torahs of Montreal. Bar-Ilan awarded Vineberg an honorary doctorate in law.

He wrote many scholarly and professional works and, at the time of his death, was writing his memoirs.

Vineberg was also an electrifying speaker, who had the ability to hold audiences spellbound while bringing alive technical subjects.

Surviving him are his wife Miriam (nee Schachter), his sons Michael and Robert and daughter-in-law Rhoda and their children Justin and Deborah, as well as his sisters Ella Vineberg, Sylvia Vineberg and Bette Lui. The family asks that, in lieu of gifts, contributions be made to the Philip F. Vineberg Scholarship at McGill.

Chanukah gifts for children

Readers support Na'amat campaign

By
LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO —

"What would Chanukah mean to Orly without The CJN?" asks Goldie Burstein, Dollars for David campaign founder and chairperson.

Orly is one of the 26,700 children in Israel who last year received Chanukah gifts from Canada. These were bought, in large part, by readers of The CJN through the Dollars for David orange envelope campaign run by Na'amat Canada (formerly Pioneer Women).

Like many of the Chanukah gift recipients, Orly lives in a deprived neighborhood. Her family has suffered a number of financial setbacks, and such luxuries as Chanukah gifts are far down on the list.

Since most of the 760 day nursery classes run by Na'amat are in the deprived neighborhoods where they are most needed, a significant number of the children come from very large families or from families where both parents have low-paying jobs. In these cases, Chanukah could be a very sad time without the Dollars for David campaign.

"The support given to our campaign by The CJN readers will make all the difference," Burstein told The CJN. "We want to buy something for each and every child — and we will, no matter what.

Clutching precious toys

"But if we have more money — say as much as $4 for each little one, then we could buy something really nice for them.

"I've visited so many Na'amat nurseries in Israel and the children are so darling. I can picture each little one clutching a precious toy, and it makes me feel wonderful.

"What a celebration it must be when the teachers come into the room carrying a pile of gifts! Each little pair of eyes must light up with anticipated joy!

"I promise you this. Not one pair of arms will remain empty. Not one child will do without. But the children's gifts have always had to be small — always under $3 in value. Our Na'amat ladies would ...lly love to have $4 to ... What kind of doll can you buy for $3? And, for many of our children, that will be the only toy that they'll receive all year."

Really caring people

Burstein pointed out that, each year, The CJN readers provide over 50% of all Dollars for David funds. The balance comes from Jewish school children in many cities, from the 4,000 Na'amat Canada members and their friends, and from fund raising events that are run by Na'amat chapters across Canada.

"What would Chanukah mean to Orly without The CJN?" Burstein asks. "Emptiness. Loneliness. Rejection. But that will never happen. The CJN readers really are caring people."

For information about the Dollars for David campaign, call these Na'amat chapter presidents in the following cities:

Montreal, Anita Blanshay (514) 735-1679; Ottawa, Miriam Paghis (613) 729-7933; Toronto, Louise Cornblum, (416) 636-5425; Hamilton, Agi Meinhard (416) 335-4122; Helen Glaser (519) 254-6613 and Gertrude Rudover (519) 969-2496; Winnipeg, Anne Gerb (204) 338-4281; Edmonton, Diane Alkalay (403) 487-4796; Calgary, Esther Lang (403) 259-5315 and Stephanie Sacks (403) 238-1014; Vancouver (604) 263-1012.

Orly clutches a colorful game bought for her by CJN readers who donated to last year's Dollars for David campaign. Orly attends a Na'amat day nursery in the suburbs of Tel Aviv.

Israel's 40th triggers variety of activities

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —

Toronto's Jewish community will figure prominently among those in the Diaspora joining in celebration with Israel to commemorate its 40th year of statehood.

Five major organizations — B'nai B'rith Canada, the Canada-Israel Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region), Canadian Zionist Federation (Central Region), and Toronto Jewish Congress — have joined forces to ensure an ongoing variety of Israel-oriented programs through December of 1988.

Since Rosh Hashanah a number of events have already taken place, including: B'nai B'rith Hillel Students Union at University of Toronto (a giant "Celebrate Israel's Largest Birthday Party" for campus youth), B'nai B'rith Canada (40th anniversary President's Leadership Mission to Israel), Jewish Community Centre Youth & Hechalutz Department and the Canadian Zionist Federation ("The Israel Experience" youth program for students previously in Israel and those planning to go), and Canadian Jewish Congress ("Perceptions of Israel" public panel discussion).

Upcoming programs through the end of this year include the Leah Posluns Theatre presentation of Hannah Senesh (Dec. 3-26), and the Israel Government Tourist Office Tourism Fair (Dec. 14, Beth Tzedec Synagogue).

According to program coordinator Hindy Friedman, 17 events have been scheduled to date between January and December of next year. Participants include the Royal Ontario Museum in association with the Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum, Toronto Jewish Congress-United Jewish Appeal, the Koffler Gallery, Canadian and Ontario Sephardic Federations, Israeli consulate, and a host of others.

Honorary chairman for Toronto's celebration of the 40th anniversary is Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut. Sidney Greenberg is chairman.

Members of the celebration steering committee include Sheila Engel, president of the Jewish Women's Federation; Anne Gross, past national chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee; Moshe Ronen, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region; Ronnie Roth, national Israel chairman of B'nai B'rith Canada; and Max Shecter, president of the Central Region, Canadian Zionist Federation. Advisor to the committee is Benjamin Abileah, consul-general of Israel to Toronto.

"Israel at this historic moment in time is definitely the place to be," says chairman Greenberg. "But for those who can't do their celebrating on the spot — Toronto figures among the best of second choices."

For information concerning Israel's 40th anniversary celebration in Toronto, Hindy Friedman can be contacted at 635-2883, extension 169.

Members of the 40th anniversary celebration steering committee include: Sheila Engel and Sid Greenberg (seated), (standing left to right) Brian Feldman, Benjamin Abileah, Anne Gross, Moshe Ronen and Max Shec... N... Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and Ronnie Roth.

TO. United Way appoints Anne Golden as president

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Anne Golden, the first female campaign manager for the United Way of Greater Toronto, has been appointed the first Jewish president of the fund raising organization.

As campaign manager for United Way for the past two years, Golden has managed to increase contributions and community involvement to record levels. During the 1986 campaign over $32 million was raised and 1987's total exceeded that by over $3 million.

Golden said she was "proud and honored" to have been named president and plans to continue building the United Way in terms of dollars and resources and agencies funded.

Golden said United Way has to "tell its story better," and get its message out so that people feel a strengthened sense of ownership with the organization.

"United Way is unique in terms of its scope," said Golden. She succeeds Gordon Cressy who is leaving to take the position of vice president for institutional affairs at the University of Toronto.

Anne Golden

As president, Golden said she also wants to strengthen individuals' and ethnic groups' ties with United Way. This, she said, would include sensitizing the Jewish community to the importance of the United Way, a point she has stressed in the past.

When she first became campaign manager, Golden pointed out that the Jewish community has a "tremendous stake" in the United Way as it provides a number of Jewish agencies with funding. They include Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Vocational Service, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, the Bernard Betel Centre and the Jewish Community Centre.

Golden herself is actively involved in the Jewish community. She is a board member of Jewish National Fund and Mazon (Canada) and a member of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

She is married to Dr. Ronald Golden and has two children, Beth and Karen.

Golden credits her father, the late Theodore Richmond, a chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and Negev Dinner honoree in 1981, for influencing her views in her work.

"He thought that a person's life was not meaningful unless they contributed to the community," Golden said of her father.

Before taking on the campaign manager's position, Golden served as director of planning, allocations and government relations with United Way for four years.

Her interest in urban issues was sparked while working on David Crombie's 1972 mayorality campaign.

The next year she became research coordinator of the Bureau of Municipal Research and later moved on to Queen's Park where she served as special advisor to former Ontario Liberal leader Stuart Smith and then as director of research for the provincial Liberal Party.

Mikvah embarks on campaign to raise funds

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Toronto's community mikvah, located on Sheppard Ave. just west of Bathurst St., has embarked on its first public fund raising campaign.

"The money is badly needed," spokesperson Chaya Salamon told The Canadian Jewish News, "to hire more staff, to raise current salaries, and upgrade the facilities."

A mikvah is a ritual bath in which a woman immerses herself after her menstrual period, or after childbirth, as a prerequisite to marital relations. The observance of this law from the Torah is considered a cornerstone of Jewish family life.

Linda Hofstedter, a member of the fund raising committee along with Salamon, Edie Bench and Rebbitzen Bea Hoschander, told The CJN that the mikvah, run by the Jewish Society for Family Sanctity, was founded 34 years ago on College St. Sixteen years ago, with the financial support of the Saul and Henry Koschitzky families, the mikvah was moved to its present location.

The Sheppard mikvah, which is also used for conversions, has seven individual mikvahs, with 10 baths, so that privacy is assured.

Salamon said that the number of women using the facility has risen steadily over the years, necessitating not only a larger staff, but greater maintenance costs. Although women using it pay a small fee, this in no way covers the expenses, let alone allows for necessary redecoration. Although it is called a community mikvah, Salamon pointed out, it receives no community funds.

Until now, she said, the deficit has been covered by private donors. It was felt now, however, that, because it is a community facility, the community should be given the opportunity to contribute as well.

"The committee also hopes," said Salamon, "that if the mikvah is kept up beautifully, those hesitant to observe this important mitzvah will be encouraged to do so."

Contributions can be sent to Linda Hofstedter, 19 Erica Ave., Downsview, Ont. M3H 3H3.

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Let's UJA Talk...

Dentists gather to look over cards at recent telethon. From the left are Drs. David Burstein, Gordon Perlmutter, Mitch Sutton, Hersh Glickman, Les Train, Alan Winnick and Harvey Taub.

If you've been wondering how our Frequent Fundraiser exercise is progressing, all you had to do was show up for the "Frequent Funday" Sunday morning telethon to see how much action has been generated.

More than 60 canvassers representing a cross-section of the campaign, did a bang-up job on 570 cards in less than four hours.

Accountants Chairmen **Michael Daren** and **John Wiseman** had a strong contingent from their division. Joining them were **Don Bennett, Aaron Brotman, Michael Florence, Lew Moses, Gerald Prenick, Harlan Schonfeld** and **Lloyd Weiss.**

Lawyers Chairmen **Earl Miller** and **Gerry Ross** also took to the phones with some of their colleagues . . . **Don Carr, Murray Perelman** and **Stan Wax.**

Max Handelman, FF Co-chairman, was on the scene along with Advanced Gifts Co-chairman **Joel Greisman; Alan Brown**, who is one of the architects involved with the Kfar Gvirol Early Education Centre; and **Marty Goldberg**, Co-chairman of Major Gifts and Project Renewal.

Others who joined those mentioned above spanned divisions and generations right across the campaign.

Those who signed in included **Perla Arditti, Bernie Berger, Harold Cipin, Stanley David, David Eisen, Dave Freeman, David Green, Irving Green, Anne Handelman, Philip Hart, Sam Horowitz, Anthony Karabus, Casper Koffler, William Leibach, Joe Lester** and **Les Levine.**

Also **Lisa Olfman, Al Rich, Leon Rochman, Joy Rosen, Ian Rosmarin, Steve Rudin, Robert Schachter, Jeff Shumacher, Frank Simkevitz, Howard Slavat, Rosie Sosnowicz, Esther Spring, David Stokes, Brian Vyner, David Wintre** and **Gordon Wolfe.**

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Randy Spiegel, a recent addition to Toronto Jewish Congress professional staff (he's Planning Associate), got an unexpected bonus when he attended the Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Miami two weeks ago.

While competing in the race highlighting the plight of Soviet Jewry, he was spotted by a news photographer. The result? His picture appeared in the Miami Herald.

As Randy put it: "My mother will be pleased."

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Women's Campaign had a healthy representation at the GA, from Chairman **Judy Scheininger** and her two Vice-chairmen **Joan Stevens** and **Carol Kassel**, to Jewish Women's Federation President **Sheila Engel**. Also present from the distaff side were **Adrienne Offman, Linda Kahn, Gella Rothstein, Glennie Lindenberg.**

From what we've been told, **Judy Scheininger** made quite an impression when she appeared before a panel at the "Ideas Exchange," with a comprehensive outline of the Women's 1988 campaign.

"It was extremely well received," she reported on her return. "Not long ago we went to the GA looking for new ideas and concepts. Now, it seems, Toronto has become the community to look to for innovative ideas. It's very gratifying."

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David Wintre, Business Division Co-ordinator, really hit it right on in his introduction to **Harry Rosen** at the Getting Down to Business Breakfast. In just three words he spelled out the reason behind the success of the retail entrepreneur — commitment to quality.

The informal morning gathering, which preceded a pre-noon telethon, took place at the Lipa Green Building. Rosen, speaking off the cuff, reminisced back to 1954 when he opened his first men's wear store on Parliament Street in what was then "unfashionable cabbagetown."

"It took a lot of promotion to get people to come to our out-of-the-way location," he recalled. "We started to trade up and in 1961 moved to Richmond Street, thought by everyone at that time to be a risky venture, so far off Yonge Street."

The rest, as they say, is history. Rosen now has 20 men's apparel and six women's apparel shops located in eight cities across Canada. He recently opened his "flagship" store at Bloor and Bellair.

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Societies Division Chairman, **Harry Binder,** reports two more Treasury Gifts have been received by the division. The first, from the Ozrower Society, was an unexpected and pleasant surprise, for which he thanks the president **Sheldon Weiser** and the membership.

The second, from the Toronto Mezritcher Landsmanshaft, he credits to the efforts of **Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bierstone.**

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The Stashiver Society annual UJA fund-raising dinner was held at Beth Torah Synagogue, under UJA Chairmen **Henry Jaskolka** and **Nathan Freedman**, and President **Sholom Hershkop**; and heading the women's auxiliary is **Gertie Kates.**

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Reminder — the Societies Mission to Israel leaves on May 11, 1988. For details, call Zelda Lootsteen.

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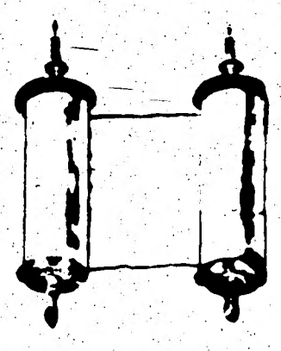

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vaishlach

Money is funny — it makes clowns out of grown men.

A learned rabbi was collecting funds for a worthy cause. He was forced to approach a wealthy ignoramus, who left him waiting at the door for a donation.

The servant, who knew of the rabbi's greatness, asked: "Is it fitting that such a great man like you should have to wait on such a boor like my master?"

Answered the scholar: "It was always so. When you milk a cow, you have to bend on your knees to milk. . . ."

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A Jew is judged by little things, little actions — when no one is looking.

Consider . . . Father Jacob was returning to the Holy Land with his wives and children when he was confronted by his wicked brother Esau and his fierce army.

Jacob divided his camp, prepared his defences, when suddenly — oops! he forgot something back across the river.

In the dead of night, he crossed back, risked his life and was confronted with the terrible archangel of Esau, who wrestled and threatened him till dawn.

What was so valuable that Father Jacob had to cross alone into the pitch darkness to retrieve? A diamond? A holy book?

Taught our rabbis: He forgot "pachim ketanim" — little jugs, a tiny, insignificant item! (Hullin 91)

What! For a small jug Jacob should risk everything? And be attacked by Esau's angel?

But — explains the Nachalat Chamishah — the little jugs, pachim ketanim, in gematria add up to the same number (359) as the word satan, the yetzer horah, the evil inclination.

When the yetzer horah starts with a Jew, it doesn't begin with big things. It starts with little jugs, little transgressions, minor league sins.

The yetzer horah knows its business. It softens a Jew's heart, conditions him, prepares him — until it says: "Now you're ready for big league stuff. Now you're ready to throw away the whole Torah, to stop living, thinking, feeling like a Jew."

The yetzer horah has gossamer wings, has a delicate web like a spider, a little gossip, a little selfishness, a little cheeseburger, a little laziness.

In the end, it binds a Jew with cords of steel, trapped in habits, dead to Shabbat, dead to Torah, dead to prayer, dead to synagogue, dead to charity, dead to Israel, dead to faith, dead to tradition, dead to feeling.

To be a Jew is to feel, to care, to reach out to other Jews. At this writing, there are more than 1,200 Jews in hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. Many of them have no family, no visitors. The Jewish Family and Child Services' chaplaincy program, headed by Rabbi Shalom Steinberg, is doing a wonderful mitzvah, but needs help from our readers. Bikkur cholim, visiting the sick and lonely, is one of the holiest mitzvahs we have.

If any of our readers can volunteer a few hours a week on a regular basis, please contact Mrs. Rochelle Meltz, chaplaincy coordinator, at 638-7800, ext. 280.

No person is ever unemployed or retired. There are hundreds of people who need our help. There are mitzvahs to do right and left.

When we help others, we light up a menorah in our own lives. Shabbat Shalom.

13% in Toronto in institutions

Needs of Jewish elderly probed

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

A comprehensive background paper with an intergenerational perspective was prepared by the ESPG for both institutes to pinpoint the areas of concern. The 5-hour institute for professionals and board members focussed on the demographic studies, economic and fiscal matters, and the coordination of services in pursuing strategic services planning for the future.

TORONTO — What problems confront the elderly Jewish population in Toronto? And what services are needed by families, professionals and volunteers to cope more effectively with these needs?

For the first time in Toronto, professionals and board members from Jewish agencies met in a "Special Institute on the Needs and Services to the Elderly." They reviewed the statistics and projections for the Jewish aged in order to work together to create a framework to help plan future services for the older members of the community.

"The ultimate benefit of our institute will be reflected in our network of agencies being even more capable of impacting responsibility to the individual and community needs," said Edwin Goldstein, the chairman of the Elderly Services Planning Group (ESPG) which organized the Institute that was sponsored by the Social Planning Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

A second institute on present and future needs and services for the elderly, caregivers, families, friends, and interested members of the community will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program will focus on intergenerational relationships and alternative approaches to dealing with dependence. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Benjamin Gottlieb, of the University of Guelph, an expert in the field of social support systems for the elderly.

The report stated that the 75 and older age group represents the fastest growing population segment. As health care and social services continue to help sustain the quality of life, the number of 75-plus persons is predicted to more than double by the year 2001. This group also requires a disproportionate share of community services.

The report said that 30% of the elderly population are living at or below the poverty line, and more than 13% of the elderly Jewish population in Toronto are institutionalized — this represents the highest percentage in the world.

"Aging has become a priority on the Toronto Jewish agenda," Rupert Shriar, the director of the SPC, said in an interview with The CJN. "Although Toronto is a fortunate community with a significant number and range of services, there are many unmet needs."

He noted that over the last few years, agencies that serve the 65 and older group now have full-time seniors' supervisors. "This age group continues to use a greater proportion of health care dollars on a per capita basis." He adds that in any age group over 55, there is a higher percentage in the Jewish community than in any other ethnic or religious group.

Chatting at the Social Planning Committee's institute on the elderly are (from left) Herb Rosenfeld, president of Toronto Jewish Congress; Prof. Michael Creedon, National Council on Aging, and Edwin Goldstein, chairman of the Elderly Services Planning Group.

Prof. Michael A. Creedon, the director of corporate programs for The National Council on Aging in Washington and an expert in issues affecting the elderly, was the keynote speaker at the institute's dinner. Referring to the data in the background paper, Creedon said, "We are facing two booms and a bust."

He systematically analyzed the needs and problems faced by the elderly, the middle, and the younger generations. "The eldest generation needs support — the middle generation needs assistance — and the younger generation needs challenge," he said.

Creedon said that "even though what you've got is unsatisfactory to you and unsatisfactory in meeting the demands — the Toronto Jewish community is unquestionably the number one community in terms of the way you deal with the elderly."

Creedon suggested that the participants be more "imaginative" in their discussions and programs. Many new creative programs have been established in the United States that can assist the elderly members of the community, particularly those living alone, the middle generation which is now faced with the double demands of children and aging parents, and teenagers who can contribute a great deal as volunteers.

Following the keynote address, two workshops led by facilitators Karen Goldenberg and Yale Drazin examined the problems presently faced by the elderly, caregivers, and service agencies. There was an emphasis on coordinating information and services which would help families looking for assistance and possibly cut down on the duplication of services.

Randy Spiegel, a senior planning associate with the SPC who worked with the planning committee on the arrangement for the institutes told The CJN that by meeting together, people from different agencies were able to take a broader view of the problems facing the entire community.

They were able to gain a perspective on the need for sharing resources which will benefit the elderly as well as those who are concerned about their well-being.

"This institute, and the one to follow on Dec. 13, were designed to elicit responses from different segments of the community on the same subject," said Goldstein. "By approaching the subject from different angles, we hoped to sharpen the focus of our efforts — to help those who perform critical services — to do so in the most efficient and effective manner possible."

Uniforms studied

TEL AVIV (JPFS) — "Women soldiers will not be wearing mini-skirts — that much I can assure you," the new commander of the Israel Defence Forces Women's Corps, Brigadier-General Hedva Almos, said last week.

The army uniform for women is under review and "we can expect to see a streamlined version by summer or fall," she reported, but it will not reflect the current fashion toward very short lengths.

Also under consideration, the commander disclosed, is a proposal that women soldiers be able to obtain birth control pills free of charge directly from the defence forces.

In any case, she pointed out, such a decision would not mark a major departure from the present practice, in which women soldiers may visit a gynecologist at army expense and fill a prescription for birth control pills, for a token payment, at a pharmacy.

The 39-year-old commander was making her first formal press appearance since taking up her post eight weeks ago.

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Hamilton UJA women blitz Ottawa scene

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Eighteen women took part in a recent one-day United Jewish Appeal Women's Division leadership mission to Ottawa.

The trip was the first of its kind organized by Hamilton UJA and the purpose, said Hamilton Jewish Federation executive administrator Claire Mandel, who led the group, was to learn, first hand, "what our political process is all about" and "to see something of the mechanics of government."

Specifically, the mission to Ottawa was intended to "heighten political awareness of participants; to expose them to the role of the Canada-Israel Committee; and to broaden their understanding of the power of the individual to affect government policy-making (with regard to) Jewish community concerns."

The women visited the Parliament Buildings, lunched with Hamilton area MPs, three of whom, Sheila Copps, Bill Kempling and Peter Peterson, have visited Israel, and met with other politicians.

They also met with representatives of the Ottawa Jewish community and the Ottawa UJA Women's Division and had participated in a question and answer period with Israel Ambassador Gur-Arieh and his wife Shulamit at their residence.

An afternoon session with Alti Rodal, the historian to the Deschenes Commission, who recently published a book based on her research on Canada's post-war immigration policy, proved so interesting "that the women did not want to leave."

The child of Holocaust survivors, Rodal appealed to the women to write to the Prime Minister, the minister of justice and to their local MPs demanding that war criminals be brought to trial immediately "because the biological clock was running out."

The session ended only, reported Mandel, when Rodal promised to come to Hamilton at a later date to continue the discussion.

Also on the itinerary were briefings on Soviet Jewry with MP William Attewell, chairman of the parliamentary committee for Human Rights and Soviet Jewry; Canada-Israel relations with Bob Wilmont, national director of the CIC; and Ethnic Access with Sharon Wolfe, advisor to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Other highlights included watching question period in the House of Commons and dinner with Senator Nathan Nurgitz at the home of Zelaine and Sol Schinder.

From Nurgitz, said Mandel, the women learned of the changes that had taken place in Ottawa over the years and the effect the increasing number of Jews in the civil service has had on the government's understanding of Jewish concerns.

An unexpected bonus was meeting "an unsuspecting" Robert Kaplan at Toronto Island Airport. It wasn't until "after two photo sessions and a barrage of questions" about the latest information on the war crimes issue that the women allowed the former solicitor-general to settle in his seat for the flight to Ottawa, said Mandel.

Co-chairman of this special event were Rhoda Katz and Isabel Strub. Ottawa arrangements were made by Rebecca Zuckerdorf of the Canada-Israel Committee and Len Mandel, legislative assistant to Peter Peterson, M.P., Hamilton West (and, coincidentally, a son of Claire Mandel) and Peterson, who also hosted the luncheon.

Participants included Fanny Davine, regional director of State of Israel Bonds; Yetta Freeman, Sandy Fuss, Cheryl Greenbaum, Freda Hoffman, Marcia Halpren, co-chairmen, 1987 Women's Division; Rhoda Katz, Sylvia Klein, Linda Morris, Wendy Schneider, Cece Schreiber, Judy Schwartz, Rita Shapiro, Andrea Stringer, HJF president; Isabel Strub, Marilyn Wasserman, and Sasha Weisz.

Israeli Ambassador Gur Aryeh with (from left) Fanny Davine, director, Hamilton State of Israel Bonds; Andrea Stringer, president, Hamilton Jewish Federation; Marcia Halpren, co-chairman, 1987 UJA campaign, women's division, and Yetta Freeman.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming holiday season and the usual mail jam that goes with it, we will be making some deadline changes for the What's New and About People columns. So get your pen and pencil out and mark down these dates —

The deadline for the Dec. 17 and 24 issues is Friday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls. And, since we are not publishing the Dec. 31 issue, all items that would ordinarily appear in that issue must be included in the Dec. 4 deadline.

Also, the deadline date for the Jan. 8 issue is Monday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. Hope to hear from you then.

Thursday, Dec. 3

POETRY READING

Three Canadian poets who came to this country from Eastern Europe after World War II will be participating in a poetry reading at the York Public Library, 1745 Eglinton Ave. W., on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. Their poetry reflects the traumas of the war as well as the slow process of acquiring a Canadian identity.

The poets are **Ella Bobrow**, who has published several books of poetry in Russian and English; **Donia Clenman**, who has presented poetry and children's stories on radio and TV and participated in Holocaust commemorations, and **Sam Simchovitch**, the author of two poetry collections in Yiddish and a Hebrew monograph on Solomon Maimon.

This evening is funded by the Toronto Arts Council and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Poetry in Public Places Program.

TAPJCS MEETING

On Thursday, Dec. 3, the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service (TAPJCS) is presenting **Prof. Gary Tobin** of Brandeis University's Centre for Modern Jewish Studies in a lunch-hour session on The Changing Nature of Community Leadership: Implications for the Professionals.

The program takes place at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., starting at noon. The cost for lunch and program is $5 members, $10 non-members. The cost for the program only (at 12.30 p.m.) is $5 non-members, free for members.

RSVP by calling **Sheila Dropkin** at 781-3584.

BASIC JUDAISM SERIES

The Basic Judaism lecture series continues on Thursday, Dec. 3, with **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** discussing Kashrut — The How To's and the Whys. The lecture takes place at 7.30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

Following the lecture **Chana Werner** is teaching an optional course in beginning Hebrew reading and prayer from 9-10 p.m.

For more information, contact **Rabbi Howard Markose** at 635-5340.

CHAVURAT HAMASORET

Chavurat Hamasoret, an informal Jewish studies program for young adults, ages 18-25, meets on Thursday evenings at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. It begins at 7.30 p.m. with a Torah study class with **Sholom Eisenstat**, followed at 8.45 with a discussion. On Thursday, Dec. 3, the discussion will focus on Faith in the Wake of the Holocaust.

For information, call **Jonathan Shiff** at 789-2193.

Friday, Dec. 4

CANADA'S IMMIGRATION POLICY

Noted immigration lawyer **Mendel Green** will be speaking on Canada's Immigration Policy at a meeting of the Secular Jewish Association on Friday, Dec. 4, at 8.15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre north east branch, 7015 Leslie St.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments and coffee will be served. For further information, call 223-3081.

Saturday, Dec. 5

CHANUKAH BALL

B'nai Shalom North Congregation invites you to attend its 4th annual Chanukah Ball on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at Garnet Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

The charge for the dinner-dance, complete with hot buffet dinner, live musical entertainment by the **Paul Mathew** orchestra and a door prize draw for a diamond ring, is $30 per person. For tickets, call 731-2797.

CHANUKAH CARNIVAL

Enjoy games, skits, dancing, singing, an auction plus latkes and dessert at the Chanukah Carnival sponsored by Friends of Yiddish on Saturday, Dec. 5.

The fun begins at 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. The cost is $7 members, $10 non-members.

Sunday, Dec. 6

AT BETH TORAH

Sunday, Dec. 6, is a busy day at Beth Torah Congregation.

The sisterhood is sponsoring a holday craft-gift show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for a weekend for two and other prizes. Light lunches and refreshments can be purchased. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

All members are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to come and celebrate Chanukah at the annual children's Chanukah party from 2-3.30 p.m. The special program includes a musical concert with **Shari and Jerry** and the Chanukah candlelighting. Traditional refreshments with latkes will be served and there will be take-home gifts for each child. Admission is $3 adults, $2 children or $10 per family.

Beth Torah Congregation is located at 47 Glenbrook Ave.

EXHIBIT OF YIDDISH CARDS

Friends of Yiddish, the museum committee of Beth Tzedec Congregation and the Committee for Yiddish are co-sponsoring an exhibition of historic Yiddish greeting and New Year cards from the collection of **Leslie and Shayne Train**. The exhibit is on view at the Beth Tzedec Museum, 1700 Bathurst St.

The museum will be open on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 2-5 p.m. to give you a special opportunity to see the exhibition. Both **Samuel Simchovitch**, the museum curator, and **Leslie Train** will be on hand to answer your questions.

This is also a chance to learn about the Friends of Yiddish.

For further information, contact **Sylvia** at 635-2883 or 787-6548.

SINGLES PROGRAM

A singles program with a discussion about Chanukah and a social hour is arranged for Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. at the King David Congregation in the Bathurst-Eglinton area.

This is by reservation only. Call **Criss** at 785-3231 or King David Congregation at 782-7075.

TIBET & CHINA REVISITED

Tibet and China Revisited (How not to be interrogated by the security police) is the topic of the talk **Marcie Vigoda** will be giving at the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30 and the speaker at 10.

RABBI BERL WEIN TO SPEAK

Torah scholar and orator **Rabbi Berl Wein** will deliver the memorial lecture in honor of **Joseph Michael Weiner** sponsored by Congregation B'nai Torah on Sunday, Dec. 6. His topic will be Inter-Jewish Disputes: What Can Unite Us?

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

On Sunday, Dec. 6, Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club is presenting **Edmond Lifsitz**, author of a widely-read and fun-filled book on Jewish trivia and CJN columnist (The Jewish Quiz), who will talk about 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People.

Services begin at 9.30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

CABARET NIGHT

Total Living Mature Adults' cabaret night and meeting on Sunday, Dec. 6, will feature popular dance teacher **Frank McKie** and his dancers.

Don't miss this entertaining evening. It all begins at 8 p.m. sharp at Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). Refreshments will be served. The charge is $2 members (paid up), $3 non-members.

GENETICS IN MEDICINE

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood invites you to a breakfast meeting on Sunday, Dec. 6, to hear **Dr. Louis Siminovitch** speak on Genetics in Medicine.

Davening is at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

At the Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast meeting on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 9.30 a.m., the guest speaker will be **Gail Diamond**, executive director of Parents Against Drugs.

Admission is free but if you wish to join the group for breakfast the charge is $2.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA

Beth Radom Congregation, 18 Reiner Rd., invites the community to attend a lecture by **Bernie Farber** on the subject of Anti-semitism in Canada on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m. A question period will follow.

There is no charge.

NOT JUST ANOTHER BOUTIQUE DAY

Sunday, Dec. 6, is the date of Not Just Another Boutique Day sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women, Elan Chapter, and featuring unique gifts, ac-

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AWARD FOR NCJW

The Lily Goldstein Branch Fund Raising Award was presented recently to the Study and Service Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section. From left are: Helen Katz, Sara Friedman, chairman, Study and Service Branch; Lily Goldstein and Nita Goldband, president, NCJW Toronto Section.

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

The LZA Seniors Club was presented with a plaque by Hy Fogelman (centre), Ontario director of Kupat Holim, in appreciation of the club's generous contribution for the Toronto Neo-Natal Wing being built at the Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba, Israel. Accepting the plaque on behalf of the club are (from left) Jay Lipsey, secretary; Harry Weinstock, vice-president; Jack Goldbach, president, and Joe Isenman, social committee chairman.

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cessories, children's toys and books, clothing, door prizes and much more.

The sale runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill (one traffic light north of Steeles, off Don Mills Rd.). Admission is $2 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED

Cynthia Gasner will be the guest speaker at a brunch on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., honoring the past presidents of Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood.

Cynthia Gasner

A journalist and public relations consultant, Cynthia Gasner is a past president of the sisterhood and will be one of the honorees. Her topic will be The Way We Were: Our Wonderful Yesterdays.

The other presidents to be honored are **Louise Geller, Fay Handler, Judy Hecht, Syrma Kochberg, Tillie Miskin, Jean Nussbaum, Fanny Ross, Bella Serota, Ida Starkman** and **Phyllis Sugar**.

Paid-up members are invited without charge. The charge for guests is $3. For reservations, call 787-1631.

Monday, Dec. 7

BOUTIQUE SALE & AUCTION

Beth Sholom Sisterhood is presenting a pre-holiday boutique sale and auction on Monday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Gerald Schwartz Auditorium of the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

Admission is $2 and proceeds are in aid of facilities for the handicapped.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

The North York Branch of the Volunteer Centre is having an open house for social service agencies in the community and the public to meet the staff of the centre. It will be held on Monday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Volunteer Centre — North York Branch, Armour Heights Public School, 148 Wilson Ave.

This will be a good opportunity to get to know some of the North York agencies, their services and their need for volunteers.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

The Business and Professional Women's Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT invites interested women to the Chanukah meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, from 5.30-7.30 p.m. at the Brownstone Hotel, 15 Charles St. E.

The guest speaker will be **Susan Charendoff**, co-author of Justice Delayed: Nazi War Criminals in Canada.

For more information on this and other ORT programs, contact **Sonia Shron** at the ORT office at 787-0297.

HADASSAH-WIZO OPEN MEETING

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO welcomes Ontario minister of health **Elinor Caplan** as guest speaker at the open meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Elinor Caplan

First elected in May 1985 representing the riding of Oriole, she was appointed minister of health following her re-election in September, 1987.

The evening's agenda will include also the annual bazaar report and highlights from the recent convention and Celebration 70.

A light supper will be served at 7.30 p.m. Admission is $12. Reservations can be made by calling the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO office at 789-4373.

HEALTH CARE IN ISRAEL

Health Care in Israel: Kupat Cholim and Government Hospitals is the subject of a discussion sponsored by Tehilla, the union for religious aliya, on Monday, Dec. 7. The speakers will be **Dr. Shlomo Walfisch** and **Dr. Michael Weingarten**.

The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Lesser**, 370 Ridelle Ave., Apt. 806. All interested people are welcome.

JEWISH FAMILY SERIES

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., invites the community to attend a lecture by **Prof. Rachel Schlesinger** on DINKS (Double Income No Kids) — Implications for the Jewish Family on Monday, Dec. 7, from 9-10 p.m. Prof. Schlesinger is a lecturer at York University.

This lecture is part of a continuing series on The Jewish Family: Easing the Transition offered on Monday evenings at the synagogue.

POPULAR FEMINISM

The Centre for Women's Studies in Education at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. is presenting a series of lectures entitled Popular Feminism.

On Monday, Dec. 7, **Ruth Goodman** will be dealing with Social Work and Aging: Toward a Feminist Practice.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. in the OISE boardroom on the 12th floor. There will be time for small discussion groups afterwards. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

SHAAREI TEFILLAH INSTITUTE

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Fall Institute of Jewish Studies conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern** continues on Tuesday, Dec. 8, with A Chief Rabbi For New York City, the tragic story of **Rabbi Jacob Joseph**.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

GARAGE SALE

Many new and nearly-new articles will be available at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood garage sale being held Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. (Wilmington and Overbrook).

QUESTING SINGLES

The Questing Singles of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue invites singles 21-35 to join in an evening of conversation, coffee and stimulating company on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m. in the foyer of the synagogue's new social hall.

The address is 470 Glencairn Ave. and admission is $1.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, in celebration of Jewish Book Month, **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut** will join the Medina Theatre Ensemble in the dramatic reading of two of his short stories, Train Ride and Passport.

The presentation is directed by **Corinne Copnick Spiegel**, adapted for the reading by **Carol Libman** with music by harpist **Jeanette Goldhar**.

Rabbi Plaut will be appearing in the reading with Medina Theatre members **Fran Biderman, Nathan Garnick, Irv Hoffman, Janese Kane, Susan Kronovic, Jack Newman, Esther Rine, Helen Lyon** and **Roselle Stone**.

A question and answer period will follow the reading and refreshments. The event is open to the public free of charge. For information, call 785-1074 or 667-8347.

JVS PUBLIC FORUM

Two important issues — supportive employment for the disadvantaged and the future of sheltered workshops — will be debated at a public forum on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. at OISE auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W. The forum, sponsored by Jewish Vocational Service in conjunction with its 40th anniversary, is titled Real Work for the Disadvantaged — Practical or Impossible?

Keynote speaker will be **Paul Wehman**, director of Virginia Commonwealth University's Rehabilitation Centre. Panelists will be **Gerald Duda**, assistant deputy minister, community and social services; **Bernard Berger**, JVS executive director, and **Bruce Kappel**, program manager, Frontier College. The moderator will be **Lori Riznek**.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible. For further information, call **Eydie Troper** at 787-1151.

CARING FOR AGING PARENTS

Joan Davies of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care will speak about Caring For Your Aging Parents at a meeting of the Young Members and Young Families of Adath Israel Congregation on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Everyone is welcome.

HEBREW DISCUSSION GROUP

Like many others, you may have fair knowledge of Hebrew and still find it difficult to express your ideas with ease and fluency. Ivrit B'Ivrit Hebrew discussion group, sponsored by Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, will help you improve your Hebrew by participating in a series of presentations and discussions. Ivrit B'Ivrit, geared to your level, will challenge you and assist you to speak with confidence.

This season's third meeting takes place Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. at 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 156. For further information, call **Yigal Gilboa** at 736-1339.

RABBI ROSENBERG LECTURE

Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, concludes his 3-lecture series on his book, The Christian Problem: A Jewish View, on Wednesday, Dec. 9, with the topic The Churches and the State of Israel. The lecture takes place from 7.30-8.30 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 7-8 p.m., a ski instructor from Earl Bales Park Ski Centre will be at the Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., to demonstrate how to select skis and how to wax them. He will also talk about ski techniques and give hints about where to go to ski.

The session is free of charge but you must preregister.

Thursday, Dec. 10

AVIVA CHAPTER NA'AMAT

Na'amat's newest chapter, Aviva, is meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the home of **Sheri Goldberg**, 11 Candle Liteway, Willowdale.

The speaker, **David Goldberg**, professor of political science, York University, will talk on Human Rights and Anti-semitism in Canada.

Prospective members are welcome. For information, contact **Malca** at 738-9864 or **Susan** at 738-8953.

LUPUS ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Lupus Association Coping/Support Group meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. at the association office, 250 Bloor St. E., Suite 401.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10.

And What Else Is New...

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

The Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon on Dec. 12 features **Ben Kayfetz**, formerly with Canadian Jewish Congress and currently Canadian correspondent for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the Jewish Chronicle of England as well as a frequent contributor to The Canadian Jewish News. His topic will be Yiddish: How It Was Born and Grew.

The luncheon is at noon, following services. The charge is $5.75 adults, $3.50 children under 12.

Paid reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, Dec. 9. Unpaid reservations cannot be accepted. Call 781-3511 for information.

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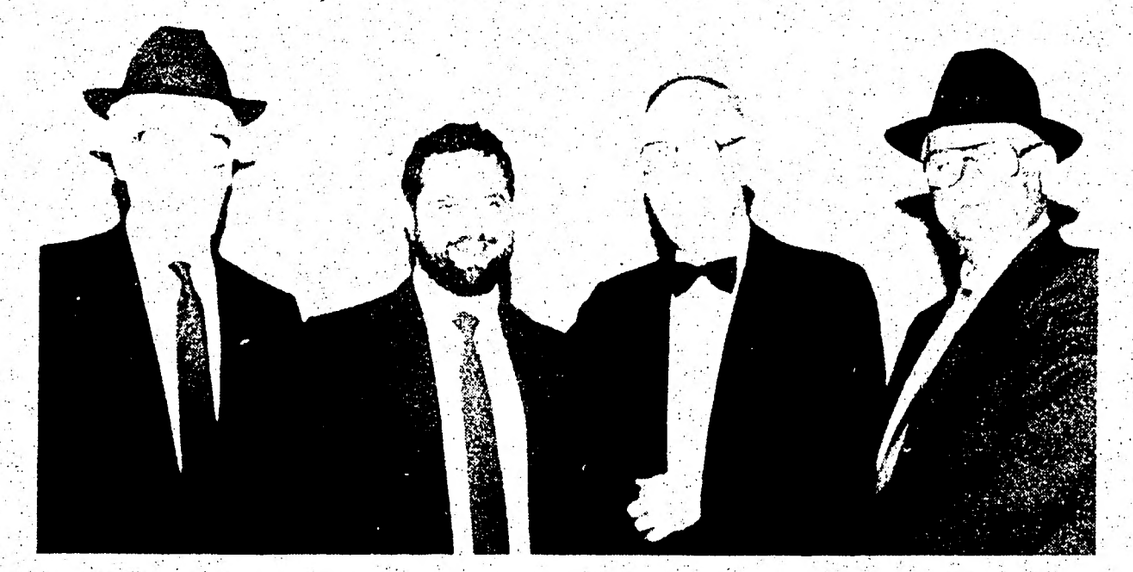
TOP BOND SALES

The officers of the Chevra Kadisha Chessed Shel Emet division of the Bathurst Lawn Cemetery were cited for their outstanding efforts and top Bond sales in support of the State of Israel at a banquet held at the Lodzer Centre recently. From left are Sam Tenenbaum, managing director; Marvin Lister, 2nd vice-president; Dave Geist, president; Ernie Merkur, 1st vice-president, and Harry Federman, secretary-treasurer.



KOLEL ESH DAT DINNER

Honorees at the annual dinner for Kolel Esh Dat of Tel Aviv Dr. Aaron Jesin (second from left) and Harry Korolnek (third from left) are joined by the guest speaker Rabbi Abraham Gold (right) and dinner chairman Rabbi Joseph Burak. [Ben Adler photo]

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SPA DAY

Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds held a spa day at the home of Roma Buchman recently. From left are: Reggie Levenstadt, Roma Buchman, Esther Berkel, spa day convenor; Yetta Randall and Sylvia Shawn, Women's Division chairman.

WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

At the North York Lodge, B'nai B'rith annual wine and cheese reception held recently at the home of Shirley and Seymour Kazman are (from left) Morris Malach, Israel Bond chairman, and Anita Malach with guest entertainer Larry Dorn and hosts Shirley and Seymour Kazman.

NON-JEWS HONORED

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, as part of Holocaust Education Week, recently honored two non-Jews who helped rescue Jews during the Holocaust. From left are Tibor Almasy, who, as a captain in the Hungarian army, saved the lives of almost 400 Jews; Dolly Paschakis, who helped 54 Jewish, Canadian and British prisoners of war escape from Athens during World War II; Canadian Society for Yad Vashem chairman Joel Dimitry, and Mrs. Paschakis' brother Leandros, who helped his sister in her efforts and was captured by the Gestapo.

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50s SOCK HOP

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to a 50s Sock Hop, a fun-filled evening with a live band, contests, prizes and a sweets table. And you may even win a prize for the best 50s costume, or, if you prefer, just dress casual.

The date is Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. The cost is $18 per person. There will be a cash bar. For reservations, call **Frimette** at 497-1730 or **Barbara** at 221-9636.

THE KOFFLER GALLERY

From Dec. 3-Jan. 27, the Koffler Gallery is exhibiting a retrospective of 64 etchings by **David Blackwood**, one of Canada's foremost printmakers. Entitled David Blackwood Prints 1962-1984, the exhibit was organized by Memorial University Art Gallery, in St. John's, Newfoundland, and the Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.

The appearance of the exhibition at the Koffler Gallery is its final showing after a very successful 3-year European and Western Canadian tour. The gallery is located at 4588 Bathurst St.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Lunch and Learn with **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** at Beth Sholom Synagogue on Saturday, Dec. 12, following services.

The cost is $10 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 9, by calling 783-6103. The luncheon is sponsored by Beth Sholom Adult Education.

BAZAAR CLEAROUT SALE

You'll find lots of bargains at the annual bazaar clearout sale sponsored by Morris Winchevsky Schools on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

So if you're looking for good buys in clothing, jewelry, household goods, yarn and more, be sure to drop by. The bazaar is being held at 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

NEW YEAR'S IN THE COUNTRY

Singles are invited to spend a fun weekend and celebrate the arrival of the New Year at Maple Lake Resort near Parry Sound from Dec. 31 to Jan. 3.

The cost of $175 per person (transportation extra) includes accommodation (double occupancy), cross-country skiing, a variety of outdoor and indoor activities and all meals (under supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress, Kashruth Division). A cocktail reception and champagne dinner and New Year's eve party will highlight the festivities.

For more information, call 630-1180.

CREATIVE MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

The Creative Musical Variety Show, that popular group of senior entertainers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living under the direction of **Elaine Duff**, assisted by **Anne Sussman**, will be performing at the following places during the month of December — Friday, Dec. 4, at Villa Columbo, 40 Playfair Ave., at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Corbrook Workshop, 220 Bowie Ave., at 11 a.m., and Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Centre for Creative Living at 1 p.m.

To find out more about the group, call 222-0655 or 222-7422.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-DANCE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood is holding a New Year's eve dinner-dance on Thursday, Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p.m. The charge is $65 per person, to be paid in advance.

For reservations, call the synagogue office at 633-5500.

MONDAY MAGIC

Take a break from your kids. Meet other Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy (MAGIC) every Monday from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Listen to stimulating speakers while babysitters mind the children.

For information, call **Eileen** at 486-5226 or **Suzette** at 782-6320.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Children ages 6 and over and their parents are invited to a Sunday afternoon program of holiday and Chanukah stories and songs on Dec. 13 from 2-2.45 at Fairview Regional Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (east of Don Mills Rd.). **Nathan Garnick** is the guest storyteller for this special event.

This program is free of charge but preregistration is necessary.

DREAM HOLIDAY DRAW

The Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto's 2nd annual Dream Holiday Draw offers a chance to win a vacation of a lifetime for two plus $1,000 spending money. The lucky winner will have a choice of a South Pacific getaway, a personalized African safari or a London adventure with travel aboard the QE II and the supersonic Concorde.

There are only 5,000 tickets to be sold at $25 each. They are available by calling 981-6888.

The draw will take place Feb. 14 at the Sutton Place Hotel. Proceeds from the draw will help fund the ongoing activities of the Volunteer Centre.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mair Delmar, who is blind, needs someone to go out shopping with him, or to the movies or theatre or concerts. He can meet the volunteer in the downtown area.

If you can spare some time and would like to help, call him at 626-1454.

OHR SOMAYACH-JEP SHABBATON

Ohr Somayach-JEP (Jewish Education Program) is holding a Shabbaton Dec. 25-26 with scholar-in-residence **Dale Gottlieb**, former professor of analytic philosophy, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. It will take place at the Ohr Somayach-JEP premises at 2939 Bathurst St.

For details, call 785-5899.

SHOOT THE MOON & THE STARS

On the first Wednesday evening of each month through to March, you can take a photograph of the moon through York University's 30 centimetre telescope at the twin astronomical observatories located on the York campus at Keele St. and Steeles Ave.

Also, stargazing continues throughout the winter on the first and third Wednesday evenings from 7-9. A slide show will run concurrently with the viewing. The domes are not heated, so dress warmly.

York's lunar/stargazing photography evenings are sponsored by the faculty of science and are open to the public at no charge. For more information, call 736-2100, ext. 7753.

JAZZ AT McMICHAEL

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinberg, Ont., invites you to enjoy free jazz in the lobby on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. featuring the best of the rising stars in Canadian jazz.

The December line-up includes pianist **John Arpin** on Dec. 6; saxophonist **Kira Payne** (quartet) on the 13th, and pianist **Tony Mergel** (quartet) on the 20th.

For further information, call (416) 893-ARTS.

CANTOR MEREL RETURNS

Holy Blossom Temple welcomes back its former cantor, **Sheldon Merel**, as a special guest artist in two musical programs.

Cantor Merel

On Friday, Dec. 4, at 8.30 p.m., he will present a special Oneg Shabbat program of Cantorial Gems. Also participating will be host **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, the Holy Blossom Temple Singers and pianist **Naomi Bell**.

On Monday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m., Cantor Merel will join **Cantors A. Eliezer Kirshblum, Paul Kowarsky** and **Benjamin Maissner** in a cantorial concert, Hazzanim Go Hassidic.

Cantor Merel was cantor of Holy Blossom Temple for 10 years. Since 1979 he has been cantor of Congregation Beth Israel in San Diego, Calif. Upon his return to San Diego he will be presented with the Man of the Year award by the music committee of that city's Jewish community Centre in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Jewish music.

at the jcc

On Sunday, Dec. 6, the Downtown Jewish Community School presents writer **Elaine Dewer**, who will speak on The Reichmanns and Orthodox Rescue During the Holocaust. The time is 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

Learn the meaning and history behind Chanukah with **Rabbi David Azen** on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 8-9.30 p.m. at the Bloor Y. Included will be a discussion on Why Jews Do Not Celebrate Christmas.

The JCC North-East Valley Singles Network invites all singles, ages 25-49 (especially single parents), to join the group. The membership fee of $18 per year includes a bi-monthly newsletter, reduced rates to all happenings and NE Valley mailings. Members are encouraged to join the planning committee to help plan and assist with programs. Also, as a service to the community, there is the Singles Social Hotline

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(889-5101) and a planning and calendar service for other singles groups to avoid duplication of event dates. This is a free service to non-profit groups. For information, contact **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813.

Further JCC NE Valley Singles Network news — The lecture/discussion group meets on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to talk about Why Not Try the Classifieds? with **Betty Guttman** of the Jewish Singles Messenger. She will discuss the fun and adventure of advertising for a companion in the latest option for singles — classified ads. The meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at the Valley, upstairs party room, 7015 Leslie St. The cost is $3 members (with cards), $5 non-members. Refreshments will be served...And a reminder about the Coffee Break evening on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8.30 p.m. at **Stan Langer's** home. The cost is $5 members, $7 non-members. Call **Sally** or **Esther** at 889-0813 to RSVP.

for seniors

Chanukah at the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., will be celebrated in many ways — A Chanukah dinner for widows and widowers, hosted by the Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, is set for Sunday, Dec. 6, with cocktails and dinner plus entertainment by **Boris Neiman**. Admission is $18...The annual Chanukah craft and plant sale takes place Thursday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m...A Chanukah party is arranged for Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. The charge is $10 members, $12.50 non-members. This is sponsored by Aluma, the Canadian Israeli Club. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every Sunday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. The next meeting is Sunday, Dec. 6. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years and over, widowed less than two years, meets twice a month on Sundays from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library. The next meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 6. For information, contact the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2269, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. If you haven't signed up for the Chanukah party taking place on Tuesday, Dec. 15, be sure to do so. **Rabbi David Monson** will be present at the Chanukah party and the program will include entertainment. Non-members are always welcome at all meetings. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

At the **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, the program will focus on Life Style — Oriental Approach with **Diane Silver Hassel**. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club's annual Chanukah installation party takes place Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. A full course dinner will be served and there will be dancing. Tickets will be on sale at the shul on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1-3 p.m. The cost is $10 members (please bring membership cards), $15 guests. No tickets will be sold at the door on Dec. 15. For information, contact **Bess** at 783-3206.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club reports that the New Year's party is sold out...The next dance with a live band is set for Sunday, Dec. 13, from 8-11 p.m. The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members.

A new club is starting — the **Diamond Jubilee** for seniors interested in outings, socials, dancing and dance lessons. Membership is $3 per year. The group meets on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 and every 3rd Sunday of the month at 968 Eglinton Ave. W. (upstairs). For information, call 782-5024.

Marc Seniors Social Club invites the neighbors to a weekly bingo game on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 6091 Bathurst St. in the recreation room. Proceeds go to charitable causes.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of chess, cards and discussions...Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.30...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. On Dec. 8 **Israel Appel** will be speaking on The Folklore in Yiddish Music:...The Chanukah party with refreshments, latkes and dancing to the music of the **Morris Turk** orchestra takes place Saturday, Dec. 19. Tickets are now available. Call 633-8579 for ticket information...A reminder that final payments for the Miami trip are due now.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, at 1.30 p.m. La'Briyut Wellness Clinic is presenting **Ann Freebairn** from the department of chiropody at Northwestern Hospital who will talk on What is Chiropody.

Take note of the following health clinics — hearing tests on Monday, Dec. 7; dental counselling on Tuesday, Dec. 8; denture care on Thursdays, Dec. 3, 17 and 31, and foot care every Thursday.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own is holding a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the music room. The agenda will include a moderate debate, so come and state your views on any subject. This meeting is for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1 including refreshments.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. The charge is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Shayla at 422-2528.

Total Living Mature Singles Meeting: Cabaret night featuring Frank McKie and his dancers. Sunday, Dec. 6, 8:00 p.m. Sharp. Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst-Sheppard). Refreshments. Members $2.00, Non-members $3.00.

Dinner Dance for college and university educated men and women. Saturday, December 12th. Membership **Not Required.** Advance reservations. High Society — 633-8908.

Singles Rendez-vous (25-45). — Wednesday, Dec. 9, 8:30 p.m. — 50's and 60's party. D.J., prizes. Gypsy Disco, Holiday Inn — Dufferin facing Yorkdale. No cover. Minimum 1 drink. 635-7699.

J.C.C. Valley Singles Network — "Coffee break party" — Sunday, Dec. 6, 8:30 p.m. Casual evening at private home in Don Mills/Steeles area. Refreshments. Admission $5.00 members, $7.00 non-members. For location call 889-0813 or the Singles Social Hotline — 889-5101.

B'nai Brith Singles Atidenyu Lodge — **General Meeting,** Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Nazi War Criminals; **Movie Night,** Tuesday, Dec. 15, Canada Square, 6:30 p.m.; **Brunch** — Mr. Grumpps, Canada Square, 11:30 a.m. **Ice skating** after at Forest Hill arena — Chaplin Cres., 2 p.m., Dec. 20; Info: Cindy — 488-3412.

REACHING OUT

Dr. Philip Klotz, president, Toronto Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Biotechnical Institute of Israel, extends thanks to Goldie Konopny, director of Gallery One in Yorkville, for the generous contribution made to the institute by the gallery.

Holland extends payments

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The Dutch cabinet has decided that compensatory payments to victims of Nazi or Japanese persecution during World War II will continue to be paid, but the government will not consider applications from the so-called second generation of victims.

The existing payments will not be reduced, despite a general freeze on government expenditures, and there will be no time limit for applicants. An advisory committee has proposed that applications may be made until the year 2010, when children born during the Nazi occupation of Holland and the Japanese occupation of Dutch colonial territories will have reached age 65, entitling them to old-age pensions.

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Organizations and People

Amnesty representative blasts refugee proposals

By PHILLIP FINE
TORONTO —

A representative of Amnesty International had some tough words for Canada's new refugee policy at a public forum held recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in North York.

Michael Schelew, a Toronto lawyer who is also president of the Canadian Council on Refugees, said two bills — C55 and C84 — now before the Senate, will make it harder for refugees to get into Canada and, once in, to stay.

Schelew, who shared the platform with Immigration Canada official Gerald Savard, criticized the new legislation for giving the minister of immigration the right to turn away a boat such as the one from which Sikhs illegally landed last summer in Nova Scotia.

Such power, by preventing refugees from ever setting foot on Canadian soil, would effectively deny them the privilege of making an appeal to Immigration officials, Schelew told the forum, co-sponsored by Beth Tikvah's' Cultural Committee and Men's Club.

Even if refugees do manage to get into Canada, Ottawa's new legislation will make it harder for them to stay, Schelew said.

The bills, he added, make no provision for refugees to appeal deportation orders to an appeal board or to a court. In addition, he said, the legislation gives the federal cabinet the right to determine who can and cannot stay in Canada — a power open to possible abuse because of political pressures the cabinet inevitably faces.

Asked if this wouldn't indeed be the case, Savard, who spoke after Schelew, said the cabinet would not treat its responsiblities lightly and that it would, in some cases, be guided by recommendations from church and ethnic groups as well as from officials of various government departments.

But Schelew told the forum that the possibility the cabinet might consider outside advice did not guarantee the cabinet would heed it. Many Jewish groups, he claimed, had made recommendations to cabinet in the past only to see them ignored.

Moreover, advice from a department such as external affairs might not necessarily be in a refugee's best interest if the department wanted to curry favor with that person's country of origin, Schelew said.

The CCR president also criticized the new legislation for giving Ottawa the right to deny refugee status to those deemed to be a security threat. Such a classification, he told The Canadian Jewish News, could conceivably be based on information put out by the home countries to discredit the refugees themselves.

Schelew also said the new refugee policy could see people like himself prosecuted for helping refugees who lack passports — documents often hard to come by in the refugees' home countries.

He said the number of refugees coming to Canada is increasing because of a tightening up of entry requirements by many European nations. As well, he claimed, Canada's system for processing refugees has all but collapsed — a condition he blamed on the Trudeau, Clark and Mulroney governments.

Earlier in the evening, the forum's moderator, Prof. Harold Troper, noted that a discussion on refugee policy was especially noteworthy considering recent criticism of the Canadian Jewish Congress for espousing the cause of all refugees — both Jewish and non-Jewish.

But Troper, co-author of None Is Too Many, a book on the exclusion of Jews from Canada during the late 30s and World War II, urged Jews to reject the notion they need only concern themselves with Jewish matters.

It was time, he added, for Jews to shed such parochialism — even if it was once justified by a world seemingly indifferent to Jewish survival as during the Six Day War.

Partisan lived through terrors

By MITZI COHEN

TORONTO —

A terrifying view of a deep pit with the bodies of her townspeople in it — among them her parents, sisters, brothers-in-law and nieces — was one of the slides shown by Faye Shulman at a Holocaust Education Week event at Pride of Israel Synagogue.

The Germans chose not to shoot the 16-year-old Faye, because they wanted her to take photographs for them and to develop them. Her brother was a photographer in the Polish town, but when he was taken away for forced labor, she took over his job. (Today he is an Orthodox rabbi in New York.)

Shulman used other dramatic slides to illustrate her life as a partisan. In Poland, after the war, she married a man who had been the leader of another partisan group, and they have a son and daughter who are both doctors, and three grandsons.

Later, when Russian partisans attacked her town, she ran away with them. They accepted her only on the condition that she be their nurse. The men reasoned that since her brother-in-law was a doctor, she'd do just fine. And indeed, she nursed the men back to health and even operated on them.

But her work among the partisans wasn't limited to nursing the men. As a Jew, she wanted revenge against the Germans and always volunteered for attacks against them. After each attack on a town, the partisans would take badly needed food, ammunition and medical supplies.

Shulman told of one frightening incident when she became sick with fever and a swollen, infected arm. She knew that the Russian partisans would kill her if she couldn't be any use to them. So, late at night, she sterilized a sword with vodka and stabbed her own arm. Luckily the pus drained out and she recovered in the morning.

Another story she related was about her struggle to save an 8-year-old Jewish girl in a town they'd attacked. The priest's wife had been hiding this girl, and when the woman saw Shulman, she came to her and told her she could no longer hide this child.

Shulman begged the leader of the partisans to let her take this child with them. He very reluctantly agreed, but only on the condition that Shulman would be totally responsible for her.

With great difficulty she kept the girl for a period of time. At one point the little girl decided on her own that she wanted to stay with her uncle and walked alone 10 kilometres through the forest to where he was.

When the girl arrived at the town, she discovered that her uncle had just been shot; so, alone, she walked back to Shulman and the partisans in the woods. Eventually the girl was airlifted to Russia. Shulman heard recently, when she was in Israel, that this girl lives in Leningrad today.

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"Ashkenazi fanaticism imported from Brooklyn" is cause

Oz: Labor Zionists, Sephardim may forge bond

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Extremism is pushing together Israel's oldtime Labor Zionists and its rising Sephardi middle class, author-journalist Amos Oz told an overflow audience at the recent 11th annual Jewish Book Fair here.

Oz, considered a leading spokesman for Israel's Peace Now Movement, also said that Israel should persist in offering local Arabs territory for a state of their own.

His talk marked the Book Fair's official launch.

The "Ashkenazi fanaticism imported from Brooklyn," he said, runs counter to the pragmatism shared by Labor Zionists and up-and-coming Israelis of North African background. "It may forge a new bond between them," said Oz.

The rift between Sephardim and Israeli Ashkenazim — the country's East European ruling elite which until Menachem Begin's election as Prime Minister in 1977 was largely Labor Zionist — is small now and narrowing constantly, in comparison to the growing rift between the ultra-religious and the ultra-secular, Oz said.

He accused the Orthodox of stimulating the rift by "politicizing the synagogue" and taking advantage of Israel's fragmented political system in order to "drag Israel into a messianic or a pre-Zionist community."

In a detailed analysis of modern Israel's political evolution, Oz referred briefly to the Labor Zionists' much-criticized treatment in the 50s of the newcomer North African Jews. The latter, he said, "objected to the condescension of the old-timers."

Amos Oz

Israel's Sephardim now outnumber its Ashkenazim, helping turn Israel "into a Mediterranean country — noisy, materialistic, warm-hearted and busy," he said.

While decreasing in the East European type of Yiddishkeit expected by North American tourists, the country's Sephardi middle class has more in common "with you than with Ashkenazi extremists of the left and the right," he told the audience.

He also urged giving control of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza to their Arab inhabitants. "It's Zionism's old standing offer: a reasonable division along demographic lines, recognition for recognition," said Oz.

Only the relief of Israel's longstanding state of war can free the country for human rights and social improvements, he said.

Oz is author of In The Land of Israel — a journalistic sampling of the country's diverse populace — and a number of short stories and novels, including the newly translated A Perfect Peace.

In launching the book fair, its chairman Marlene Ruderman thanked the fair's 150 volunteers, some of whom have been working on the project for the past six months, and its longtime director Helen Redner, for their efforts.

North York Controller Norman Gardner, in his greetings on behalf of Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn, said the Book Fair allowed the general community to appreciate the "culture and long heritage of its Jewish members."

Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah said that the primacy of publishing in Israel made it appropriate for the Toronto community to launch a year-long celebration of Israel's 40th birthday with the Book Fair.

Bernard Kamin, president of Toronto's Jewish Community Centre, where the fair was held, said the event exemplified the JCC's aim, "to improve the quality of life for all we touch."

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Media human rights

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OTTAWA —

The names of finalists in the B'nai B'rith's 13th annual Media Human Rights Awards have been announced by awards program chairman Dr. Eli Rabin.

The national awards — sponsored by the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada and given in three categories of print, radio and television — will be presented Dec. 7 at Ottawa's National Museum of Natural Science, according to a B'nai B'rith news release.

Print finalists include The Hamilton Spectator for its "comprehensive and sensitive coverage" of the Central American refugees' plight in Canada, and The Telegraph Journal, of Saint John, NB, for its analysis of the case of Moncton public school teacher Malcolm Ross, who is author of racist hate tracts.

Two CBC features are in the radio category. The War We Fought on the West Coast examines the brutal mistreatment of Japanese Canadians interned in concentration camps during World War II. Struggle for an Empty Land documents the injustice done to the Gitskan native people of British Columbia.

Two CBC programs have also been selected as finalists in the television category. An Alberta production, Pockets of Prejudice, reveals that anti-Semitism can flourish in big cities as well as small communities and confronts the "publicity value" issue of exposing racists. A CBC Montreal 6 p.m. news expose reveals flagrant discrimination against non-whites in rental housing.

The Media Human Rights Awards "give recognition to the vital role the media play in furthering human rights education and sensitizing the Canadian public to the dangers of human rights abuses," says the B'nai B'rith news release.

Begun in 1975, the awards are always presented in early December marking International Human Rights Day.

This year's keynote address will be given by Keith Spicer, editor of Ottawa's daily newspaper The Citizen. Spicer, 53, has worked as a journalist, television host and radio interviewer, and from 1970 to 1977 was Canada's first commissioner of official languages.

The public is invited to attend the Media Human Rights Awards.

Renowned cantors set for Beth David concert

By ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Four renowned cantors — as well as the wife of one — will be performing a unique Cantorial Concert at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8.

The concert which features Misha Alexandrovitch, Efraim Sapir, Tibor Kelen, his wife soprano Gabrielle Kelen and Hesh Myersdorff will be a rarity for Toronto, says Alex Eisen, chairman of the Concert Committee.

Eisen said the concert is unique because all four cantors have served at one time as cantors at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

"These cantors have given us great joy over the years with their G-d-given voices, and the community now has the opportunity to hear them perform under one roof," Eisen said.

Misha Alexandrovich

The concert will include a variety of liturgical, Yiddish, Hebrew and chassidic favorites, performed mainly in solos and duets, and will be accompanied by Bram Goldhammer at the concert piano.

"Misha Alexandrovitch, formerly of Russia, is considered the greatest liturgical singer alive," said Jean Bernholtz, co-chairperson of the Concert Committee.

"Hesh Myersdorff, who is our present cantor at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, is a lyrical tenor with great range. Efraim Sapir, currently with Beth Tikvah Synagogue, is well known in this country.

"And both Tibor, who is with a congregation in Cedarhurst, NY, and his wife Gabrielle Kelen are excellent performers of both opera and traditional Jewish numbers."

Subscriptions for the concert are $50 (which includes an invitation to Meet the Artists Reception), $25, $18 and $6.

Tickets are available in the synagogue office, 55 Yeomans Road, Downsview and partial tax receipts will be issued for the $50 and $25 tickets.

Ner Israel dinner fetes devoted supporter Diena

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Many of his friends from Ottawa were among the 450 who attended the 28th annual dinner of the Ner Israel Joseph Tanenbaum Yeshiva of Toronto honoring Baruch Diena, a devoted supporter of the high school yeshiva. The dinner was held recently at the Torath Emeth Jewish Centre, 1 Viewmount Ave.

Diena, who moved here from Ottawa two years ago, was chairman of the day school there, head of the city's kashruth committee, president of Congregation Young Israel and vice-president of the Vaad Hair.

In his welcoming address, president Joseph Tanenbaum expressed his pleasure that Diena's sons, David and Emmanuel, and son-in-law Moshe Janowski are Ner Israel graduates, members of its board of directors and taking an active role in Jewish affairs. Emmanuel Diena, the honoree's younger son, acted as dinner chairman.

Tanenbaum said 20 boys attending the high school have fathers who are graduates of the yeshiva, and this speaks for itself regarding the accomplishments of Ner Israel.

Dean Naftoli Friedler lauded the guest of honor for coming to the yeshiva to study every morning with one of his sons.

On behalf of Ner Israel, Rabbi Moshe Lowy, of Agudath Israel, Diena's shul, presented him with a silver goblet. In responding, the guest of honor urged everyone to take an active interest in Jewish causes and set aside time for personal study.

His wife, Sarah, received flowers from Rebbetsen Friedler, on behalf of the women's auxiliary. Mrs. Diena was praised by the rebbetzen for her work in Ottawa alongside her husband.

The keynote speaker was Rabbi Ahron Fried, a Ner Israel alumnus, education director of Cleveland's Hebrew Academy. He is the founder and former dean of Jewish Centres for Special Education in New York and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Fried said the community has an obligation to educate every Jewish boy and girl, regardless of financial, religious or intellectual status.

In this way, he said, the community can steer clear of setting up elitist schools. Teachers must be ready to accept the responsibilities that such a wide-ranging mandate imposes on them, Fried said.

A message of congratulations to Diena on behalf of the student body was given by Eli Davids.

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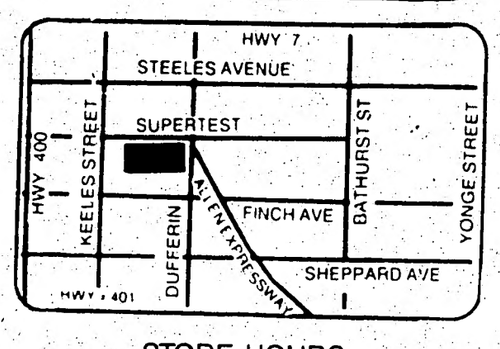

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Organizations and People

Olga and Alex Eisen Home for the Mentally Handicapped

AKIM dinner helps pay for Rehovot facility

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Hundreds of people gave new hope to mentally disabled people in Israel when they attended a recent fund raising and tribute dinner organized by the Canadian Friends of AKIM.

Proceeds of the dinner — held at The Constellation Hotel — will help pay for furnishings and equipment at the newly constructed Olga and Alex Eisen Home for the Mentally Handicapped which will officially open next June in Rehovot.

AKIM — the Hebrew acronym of the non-profit Israel Association for the Rehabiliation of the Mentally Handicapped — provides education, employment, accommodation and recreational activities to mentally disabled people in Israel.

AKIM dinner co-chairman Roma Buchman and Alex Eisen (right) with Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah..

Founded in 1952, its projects include day nurseries, kindergartens, domestic work centres, sheltered workshops, working adults' hostels, community centres, and holiday camps. It also provides social services to parents.

"With your generosity, you are helping AKIM in Israel to integrate the handicapped into the mainstream of everyday lives and make their lives as normal as possible," dinner co-chairman Alex Eisen told the crowd.

"At the same time you are giving a glimmer of hope to the parents of mentally handicapped children who struggle painfully with their insecurities.

"Many of the parents experience a terrible sense of failure, not knowing what to do, how to cope," he said.

Almost 900 people turned out for the dinner which marked the 25th anniversary of the all-female volunteer Canadian Friends of AKIM. The dinner also paid tribute to the Canadian branch's 19 past presidents.

At least $250 was donated by each couple.

Special guests included Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and wife Ruth; Don Valley East MP Bill Attewell and wife Sandy, Ontario Industry Minister Monte Kwinter and wife Wilma; North York Mayor Mel Lastman; former Willowdale MP Jim Peterson and wife Heather, as well as Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, and wife Ruth.

Seventeen mentally disabled people were expected to move into the $400,000 (U.S.) home at the end of November. Another four will move in a short time later.

Dinner co-chairman Roma Buchman, who, along with Teddy Fialkov, received a bouquet of roses for helping organize the event, told the crowd they could "sit proud tonight" ing their personal involvement and financial contributions are bringing a smile to a sad little face.

"What a reward to see young handicapped people who are born with no hope of ever achieving any semblance of independence to be offered an alternative to a life in an institution," she said.

Olga Eisen said the Canadian Friends of AKIM was formed in 1962 following a visit by her and her husband to Israel.

The main Canadian friends branch now has 70 members. There are two other offshoot Toronto chapters including the D. Lou Harris chapter, with 40 members, and the newly formed Children of AKIM, whose 35 members are daughters and daughters-in-law of AKIM women members.

Eisen said her son Marvin, celebrating his 35th birthday at the dinner, was diagnosed at 18 months of age as being brain damaged.

"My doctor advised us to him put in an institution," said the mother of two. "But we wanted to keep him with us.

"I often wonder what our lives would have been without him. His warm, friendly disposition fills our home with sunshine.

"I strongly believe that because of him, AKIM's slogan 'share if you care' became a way of life in our home. Because of him we became more sensitive to the needs of others and learned to appreciate the true value in life."

Keynote speaker Benjamin Abileah praised the organization, saying their work helps "in the utmost to this sometimes forgotten, but most important need of Israel."

Abileah noted the dinner fell just four days after the 10th anniversary since the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visited Israel on a peacemaking mission on Nov. 19, 1977.

The consul-general reflected on Israel's ups and downs during the decade since then.

"Israel has used that time to continue to reach out with offers of peace, but it has also used the time to continue to strengthen itself, to continue to build the country and to continue to do everything Israel's destined to do whether there is peace or no peace," he said.

Before the evening ended, the Canadian organization held a candlelighting ceremony for 17 of its past presidents who each lit one candle. An 18th candle, symbolizing the Hebrew chai meaning life, was lit by membership chairman Frieda Blankenstein.

The 17 past presidents included Sila Blitzer, Esther Facter, Paula Goldflus, Batia Gwartler, Rivka Laiman, Halina Levitt, Maya Malc, Helen Margel, Marge Rosen, Visa Shabes, Ann Stern, Vella Stockhammer, Mira Cadmore, Laurie Wise, Gloria Wurman, Roma Buchman and Olga Eisner.

Two other past presidents Ann Laist and Gittel Jaskulka were unable to attend due to other commitments.

The Canadian group's current co-presidents are Goldflus and Mira Tadmore.

Broader skills needed, CHAT Career Day told

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —
Future trends will require individuals to come out with a broader range of skills, Brian Segal told 350 students, teachers and parents attending the 18th annual Career Day sponsored by the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto recently.

Though Segal heads Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and was the keynote speaker, the career day was held at York University and guests included four York professors, Bruce Parsons (fine art), Fred Zemans (law), Arthur Haberman (education), and Sydney Eisen (humanities).

"There will be growth in humanities and social sciences for our aging, and in financial services," Segal said. "There will be growth in the computer application and software fields."

In fact, every type of occupation imaginable will be good in the future except low-skill jobs, according to the Ryerson president.

Segal said the best thing to do is to keep the mind open to all possibilities. "You don't have to be a doctor to drive a BMW," he said. "We (Jews) of all people should know not to let stereotypes influence our decisions; the world is still a place where people can dream dreams."

According to Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, guidance director of CHAT, "the format of this year's career day was different from those in the past." Career days at CHAT have been traditionally attended by only the grade 12 students and have been held at CHAT.

Sacknovitz introduced the proceedings with criticism of the province's educational standards which "force students to specialize at a much earlier age."

"The educational system has made our students more confused," he added. He also attributed some of the blame to over-zealous parents.

Sacknovitz said, however, that the purpose of the career day was not to discuss the educational system but to educate parents and students about what careers are available.

"High school is definitely the time to find out more about the world and themselves," Sacknovitz said.

After the keynote address, the students split into smaller seminar groups where the subjects included arts and communications, social sciences, health services, science and technology, business and social services.

Among other guests and speakers were Mark Mietkiewicz of CBC, author Allan Gould, Dr. Murray Urowitz of Wellesley Hospital, Karen Goldenberg of Dynacare, Sheldon Baker of Tridont, Eric Goldberg and Peter Drutz, of Canada Packers, Ira Teich, of Imperial Oil, Charlotte Haber, accountant, David Berger and Mory Hirt, scientists, Ellen-Sue Mesbur of Ryerson (social work), Julea Gasner of UJA and Gayle Sable on geriatrics.

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Hopes to deal with some specifics of Shapiro report

Ward gets ready to act on education promises

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

While most of Ontario's new cabinet ministers were given a few weeks to learn about their portfolios after being sworn in, Education Minister Chris Ward's training period lasted barely a few minutes.

Emerging from the legislature, Ward was met with a group of vocal parents demanding an end to the elementary school teacher's strike going on at the time in Metro Toronto.

With his "trial by fire" now behind him, Ward, parliamentary assistant to Murray Elston and Ian Scott in the last government, has now taken the reins of the education ministry and is about to oversee the enactment of his party's campaign promises relating to elementary school education in Ontario.

Chris Ward

The key component of the elementary school reforms is a plan to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in grades 1 and 2 to a level of about 1 teacher to 20 students from the current level of about 1 teacher for every 28 students. This is expected to be accomplished by hiring approximately 4,000 teachers for the primary grades.

Ward said the measure will help students by enabling teachers to provide more individualized instruction.

"I think it is an exciting proposal and one that is long overdue" said Ward, MPP for Wentworth North. "It is particularly important at those age levels because that is where children acquire the basic learning skills."

The government also plans to increase the number of computers in Ontario schools to 100,000 from 60,000 by 1989 and establish "benchmarks" of achievement in the areas of language, math, science and social studies.

School boards will be required to prepare reports at regular intervals on students' achievements and a new report card will be introduced informing parents about how their children are doing.

At the secondary level, Ward said his ministry will continue emphasizing science and technology and will extend computerization in schools to ensure that students are better prepared for the future.

In the long term, Ward said the biggest challenge will be related to issues of funding education in Ontario. He said his ministry is now at the preliminary stage of reviewing existing funding mechanisms and a lot of interaction will be needed between the ministry, the government and all interested parties before a substantial overhaul is made.

In between, Ward said he hopes to deal with some of the specifics of the Shapiro Commission report. While ruling out any immediate plans for the government to provide direct funding to private day schools, Ward said he would like to look at the report's recommendations in terms of how it relates to the ministry's obligation to make sure students are receiving quality instruction.

He said there is a potential for the province to take a role in student assessment and learning materials and resources available at such institutions.

Ward said the problem with government funding private schools is that it is inconsistent with their independence.

"I don't think (private schools) can be totally independent or maintain the level of independence they would want with government funding," he said.

Looking at the problem of educational material which offends ethnic groups, Ward admitted it is a very delicate area. He said school boards should continue to determine what materials are available through their learning resource centres and through curriculum.

However, when it comes to school texts, Ward said the ministry should ensure these books adequately reflect Ontario society and don't promote disharmony by stereotyping a particular group.

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Organizations and People

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Israel termed a leader in children's rights area

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Israel is taking a worldwide lead in the area of children's rights, says Menachem Horovitz, an Israeli specialist in social work and criminology.

In Toronto recently to attend the international conference on juvenile delinquency entitled Children In Secure Institutions, Horovitz said the issue of children's rights is a neglected one throughout the world.

"Traditionally, a child is viewed as subject to an adult's protection and somebody who has no rights. When interests between children and adults clash, the child always loses," he stated.

He said that Israel has always been sensitive to children's rights and he cited a law introduced in 1955 which permits a probation officer or a trained social worker to give evidence in court on behalf of a child under the age of 14 who has been a victim of a sexual offence or a witness to one.

"This law is unique in the world, for it allows offenders to be convicted of a sexual offence by proxy."

Horovitz, who is ombudsman for youth and children in Israel, said his current work on behalf of children's rights started when children asked him why only adults voted for the literary prize to be given to an author of children's stories and not children for whom the stories are written.

A touchier complaint by children is when they get pushed to the back of a line by adults who always assume they're in a greater rush than a child.

In response to a flood of similar questions, Horovitz started a column in the daily Israeli paper Yediot Achronot so that children and adults could request information about children's rights. "The column has been a huge success," he added.

Children's rights deal with issues more serious than casting ballots for literary prizes or the bruised pride of a child being pushed back to the end of a queue, Horovitz said.

Child prostitution is one of the major topics on the agenda of an international lobby (Defence For Children, based in Geneva) which works on behalf of children's rights worldwide. He was recently appointed chairman of this body.

He admits the tasks before this organization are difficult, but he is pleased by the progress already being made on behalf of children. "I also have some good news to tell you about Canada. Your country is now opening a branch of Defence For Children."

Horovitz said, however, that the interest in children's rights could be a fad, "in which case it will disappear, or it could truly be the start of a new social movement like the feminist movement a while back."

Horovitz's present work with children and youth in Israel had its beginnings on Israeli streets where he worked with juvenile delinquents in the late 1940s.

Today in Israel, it is the rise in drug use which disturb Horovitz. "It's really a post-1967 problem with much of the hard and soft drug traffic coming through the West Bank and Gaza. Horovitz believes there are 10,000 addicts in addition to all the attendant crime which goes with the activity.

He is pleased that the Israeli government has finally recognized the problem by introducing a curriculum into the school system dealing with drugs and also alcohol.

Don't push hard, panel told

Children overstressed: educator

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Kindergarten and nursery school teachers should give children a chance to socialize and not worry about teaching them to read and write, says the principal of She'arim Hebrew Day School, a school for children with learning disabilities.

"Put away the workbooks and let kids explore and discover things on their own," says Elaine Rubinoff.

Rubinoff was part of a recent panel discussion entitled Are We Overstressing Our Children, sponsored by the Parents Association of Netivot Hatorah Day School. Other panel members were Dr. Gerard Klein of H. P. Griffin Adolescent Centre and Rabbi Sameel Biber, principal of Netivot Hatorah.

Klein agreed that children who are forced to learn to read too early often lack a sense of problem solving in later years. "They spend too much time memorizing," he says.

He added that "I honestly feel the less children are put in school early, the better off they'll be."

He told the group that children have to be mature enough to learn certain things at certain times and if they are forced to learn before they are ready they may feel defeated."

Biber reminded parents that their children "will be in school for a long time, so don't expect everything to happen to your child in the course of one month."

He added that we can do harm to children by not "letting them be children. Everything comes to a child if you give them a chance."

Rubinoff said that with regard to older children too many parents gauge their child's success by their standing in the class. "One child may receive 70% and stand at the top of the class, whereas another child's 70% may be the lowest mark. One child has an inflated image of himself and the other a deflated image."

She told the group that people have intelligence in different things and can't always be the best at everything.

Rubinoff said it is important for parents to reset their priorities concerning their children. "Be supportive of them and acknowledge their strengths as well as their weaknesses. Help them develop self-esteem and teach them to treat others with kindness and sensitivity.

Biber told the group that parents should look at the effort portion of their child's report card as well as the achievement portion. "It's not fair to expect more from a child than he can give. If he's trying, be supportive."

He added that parents should not expect their children to be in school all day and then go on to extracurricular activities such as swimming, art or gymnastics and excel at it all. "Very few children are good at everything."

Rubinoff agreed that children are unable to take the pressure of always being perfect. "Let them take time out to smell the flowers."

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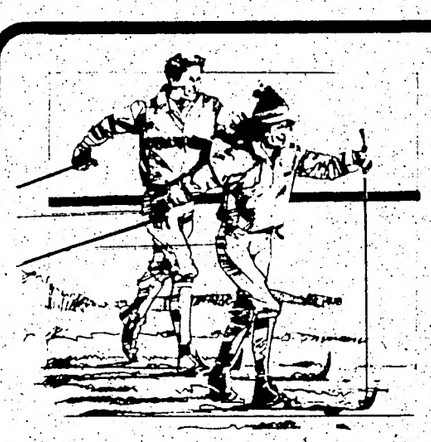

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Bold, new dimension to this season's attire for men

This fall, as menswear continues to distinguish itself by the adaptation of a softer, more natural shoulder along with a longer and slimmer line, the fashion focus turns to the inspection of detail.

Peaked lapels, traditionally stitched, indicate a return to the conservatism of the classics. However, the ease and excitement of the interplay of bold, graphic designs against subtle textures and patterns brings an exciting new dimension to male fashion.

Traditional blues and black form the basis for this year's neutral palette of tones that range from the coolness of soft putty to the warm intensity of nutmeg and cinnamon.

Texture again plays a part in the fashion landscape as suedes and leathers emerge as one of menswear's most significant trends — particularly in casual bomber-style jackets that add yet more texture and detail to the ongoing interplay of yarn-dyed stripes, ribbed solids and color-blocked jacquards that predominate for fall.

With pants' fabrics becoming even lighter in weight, fashion volume is introduced via texture, with styles that range from the classic to the new silhouette of a double overlap pleat, that is shown cuffed.

Turtlenecks, zippered front sweaters and body-hugging knits all contribute to the newly relaxed silhouette of fashion.

Cotton shirting remains on as a classic, but on a neater and smaller scale. Textural interest is in fabrics, as wool jacquard shirts display an artistic bent with bold, graphic designs played against subtle pattern and coloration.

Simpsons introduces menswear for fall that includes the time-honored, tailored tradition found in The West End Shop, where the featured Designer Suit Collections are Giorgio Armani's Mani Collection, Emmanuel Ungaro, Hugo Boss, Louis Feraud, Hardy Amies, Christian Dior and Alfred Sung — as well as traditional classics from Warren K. Cook and Progress Brand Clothing houses.

In Expressions, the leading edge designers of contemporary menswear are well represented. Along with the exclusive collection of Paul Smith, the fall fashion collections of Perry Ellis, Jhane Barnes, Andrew Fezza, Betty Jackson, and Calugi & Giannelli join that of Canadian designer Emily Zarb to offer a vast selection of fashion wear for men.

Model wears an "Expression" suede jacket with shearling collar. Available at Simpsons. (Rough Layout photo)

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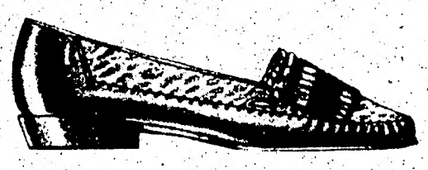

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Fashion

Putting clientele in the mood

Modern clothing but decor pure 60s

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

"Where do all the hippies meet...down on South Street...." sang the Orlons back in 1967. Today the same people are still meeting at South Street but they don't look much like hippies anymore.

The new South Street is a fashion concept-store aimed at baby-boomers, especially those who "don't have the same body they had in the 60s but wish they did."

Started by baby-boomers and old high school friends Barry Gordon and Allan Lerman, the store attempts to provide "a shopping experience" that puts customers in a nostalgic frame of mind.

The first thing that catches your eye you "Just Walk on By" is the candy-apple red '66 Mustang convertible in the front window.

Inside you see all kinds of 60s memorabilia: posters; an old Coke machine that still dispenses bottles for a dime; a jukebox filled with nostalgic hits; and a VCR playing old movies, TV shows and concerts.

The clothing is colorful, basic and up-to-date.

"We don't want to be too fashion-forward," said Gordon. "You don't need lessons to wear our clothing."

Friends since they were 13, Lerman and Gordon have been "throwing around ideas for years" about going into business.

During those years, they each fine-tuned their skills — Gordon on the manufacturing and marketing side of the clothing business and Lerman on retailing. Together, Gordon said, they have "95% of the bases covered."

Lerman joined Thrifty's, his family's business, in 1967 and was an integral part of its rapid growth from one store at Queen and Church streets to a 130-store retailing giant.

Gordon was with Levis for its period of phenomenal growth in Canada, and later was Director of Marketing for Blue Bell Manufacturing, the makers of Wrangler jeans.

In this capacity, Gordon was responsible for obtaining the Canadian rights to the Calvin Klein line of jeans, sportswear and underwear.

Although successful in their careers, both were restless for a change, and South Street was conceived.

They saw a "void in the market for the 30-50 age group," as most casual clothing stores cater more to this group's children.

The pair also wanted a store that they would feel comfortable in, a fun environment with no pressure.

"Our salespeople are the key," Lerman said. "They are gregarious and outgoing but not pushy.

"Some of our staff used to be customers and asked if they could work here. That's encouraging."

South Street has a mailing list with more than 1,000 names of customers who are kept informed of new arrivals and happenings.

Between 70% and 80% of the people on the list live within 10 blocks of the location at 514 Eglinton Ave. West.

"We like the comfort and ease of the neighborhood store."

Lerman and Gordon's expansion plans are ambitious but cautious. They plan to open 10 stores over the next five years using an unusual financing method.

South Street was set up as a limited partnership, and while Lerman and Gordon will remain major owners, they have sold a limited number of shares.

About 20 people have invested — enough capital for three stores.

"We will tailor the store, staff and product mix to the neighborhood," Lerman said. "But you will still be able to tell it's a South Street store."

By retaining majority ownership in all the stores the partners can better ensure standards are maintained.

"We really are selling service," Lerman said. "If we don't have it, we will get it, if you're not happy with it, bring it back for a cash refund.

"We want to keep in close contact with the customer. That's what we hope will make it work."

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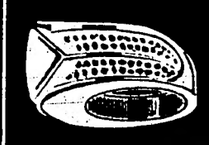
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Fashion

Models wear tuxedos by Louis Feraud (left) and Hugo Boss. Available at Simpsons. (Rough Layout photo)

Many lines featured at Simpsons/GQ show

By
MARIE MOORE

The highlight of the Simpsons/GQ Live event was a state-of-the-art fashion show produced by Alayne Kato. Set design, concept and choreography by Len Henry and coordination by David Wikstrom were complemented by 25 of Toronto's most attractive male models in nine stunning scenes.

The collection included designs from Hugo Boss, Andrew Fezza, Calugi e Gianelli, Kenzo, Perry Ellis' Couture and Portfolio Lines, Betty Jackson, Jhane Barnes, Robert Comstock, Armani and Ungaro, as well as the best from Gant, Boston Traders, Paul Smith, Polo by Ralph Lauren and Canada's own Emily Zarb and Michael Tong.

Fashion Show Credits must be extended to Ultrastage for lighting; Tom Murphy and Associates for set construction and Brian Master for sensational music production.

Su Modiste, Hats by Sue Downey, Hathaway Shirts, McGregor Hosiery, Simpsons and Browns shoes and jewelry, MAC Hair Studio and MAC Cosmetics also participated.

Afterwards members of the audience were treated to Lifestyle Exhibits on Simpsons 2nd floor. Here skincare, footwear, grooming, wardrobe and financial consideration booths were set up in style to accommodate anxious onlookers. Live and taped music, video playbacks, bubbly and unbeatable conversation, lingered on till midnight.

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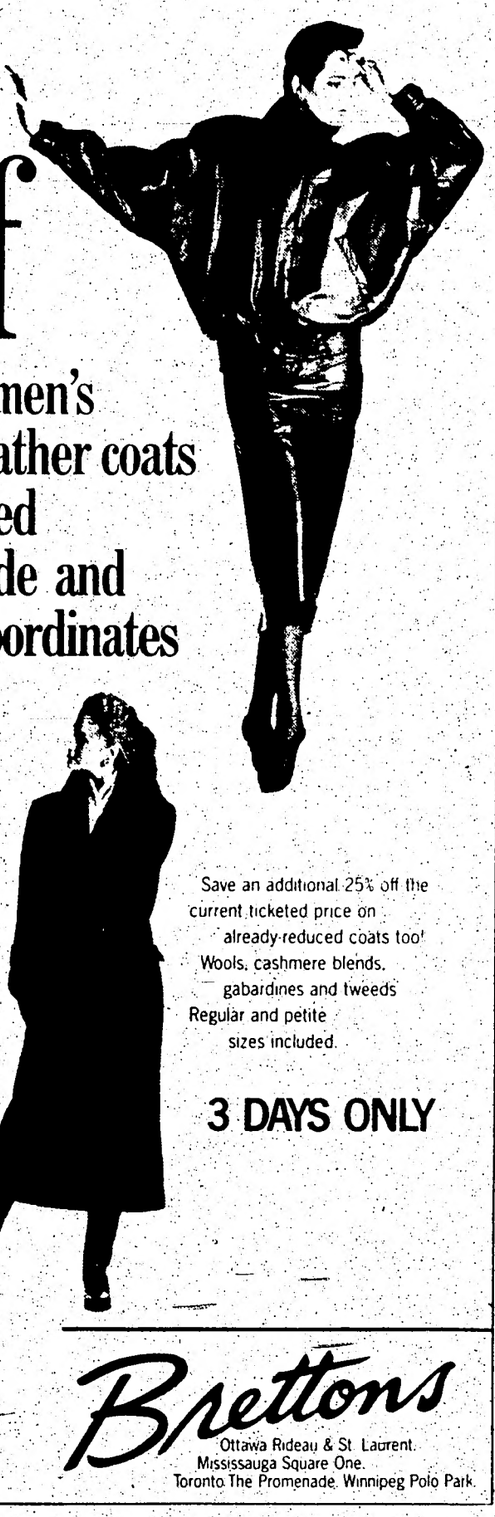

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Fashion

Snazzy to witty, undies leave nothing uncovered

By SHERYL HALPERN
MONTREAL —

Men's underwear as a hot new Chanukah gift?

Laugh if you want to — but you'll probably find yourself at Under Wares (1612 Sherbrooke St. West, 931-3083), looking over their terry bathrobes, jersey polojamas, classy sleep sets (silk robes, drawstring pants, pyjama tops, nightshirts), ankle socks in never-seen-before patterns. And, yes, their snazzy boxer shorts — there are more than 100 different prints and all sorts of colors.

"Boxers are our most popular item," says Under Wares owner Kenneth Asinowski. "Everyone buys boxers — granddaughters buy them for their grandfathers. For young men, they're fashionable sleepwear."

The boxers come in silks and cottons, in solid tones like vanilla, silver and black, in subtle patterns like navy-on-white or white-on-navy polka dots — and in many definitely unsubtle prints.

For the geographically-minded, there's a pair with a scale map of the world in bright blues, reds, yellows (the Pacific Ocean on the front and the Atlantic on the back.) There's a Jaws-inspired shark print (just when you thought it was safe to get back into boxers).

More wearable wit: Tongue-in-cheek cartoon prints featuring a Piccadillyish London street scene or a New Yorkish street scene. In demand, too, are prints for sports lovers (tennis-playing, golfing or skiing bears on white) and hobbyists (toy airplanes or wind-up cars in brights on white.)

Romantics get the white crinkle-silk shorts with red hearts everywhere. Other prints go hot (azure palm trees on white, Hawaiian abstracts) or cold (powder blue snowflakes on white) or bold (in bright stripes with sporty emblems, or with pop-art lemons.)

Also hot — sleepwear separates. Notte has five easy pieces (cotton, washable) in black-and-white houndstooth (judo robe, nightshirt, pyjama top, drawstring pants, boxers.) Then mix-and-match Notte silk sleepwear in solids and polka dots (slip a white-on-navy polka dotted silk nightshirt or pyjama top over navy or white boxers or drawstring pants.) The silks say Dry-Clean Only, Asinowksi notes, "but we recommend handwashing."

There are traditional pyjamas styles (but by Guy Laroche in Italian cottons and bright stripes.) The less-traditional cotton jersey polojama from Portugal, with sweatshirt tops and polo pants, in red/black plaids, blue diamonds on cream, pin-striped navy, are not just pyjamas, Asinowski says. "In Europe, sleepwear crosses over into leisurewear."

Under Wares looks for generously cut, colorful terrycloth bathrobes. So there are long or short terry robes by Caulfield in royal blue, jade, ruby or white, and striped color-mixes. Gant Belgian cotton terry robes, in royal blue or white, feature "naval" insignia; Brazilian robes, in plush terry velour and green/black stripes on white, feature square-cut collars.

And the Italian cotton terry robes come in neutral beige, powder blue or gray, in jacquard-check patterns or in solids (with matching solid-toned towels.)

Want a monogrammed bathrobe? The store will embroider monograms on robes or sleepwear at no extra charge (allow five days to a week, though). If they're hospital gifts, they'll also deliver them for you.

Under Wares has walls and racks of high-fashion briefs and bikinis for men, in pastels, brights, polka dots, stripes, checkerboards, jungle prints, tropical graphics.

Prices run from $5 to $40; for $40 you get Herr of France's French-cut bikini, in 95% cotton/5% spandex with the new ultra-wide waistband, in scarlet. Favorites here are polka dot looks, 50s-style fine ribbed cotton.

There are also walls of socks in high ankle-lengths — wools and wool blends by Christian Dior, Alexander Julian and Under Wares' own Understatements in conservative blacks, browns, grays, with pinstriping and crests, but also argyles, windowpanes, Fairisle geometrics and abstracts in unconventional shades.

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Panel selects TO's 8 top fashion plates

By
MARIE MOORE

Earlier this year, Simpsons and Toronto's Fashion Group Inc. approached 15 well-informed and distinguished Torontonians and asked them each to nominate the five men they thought most epitomized Toronto style.

Their eight categories were: sports, creative communicator, professional, visual arts, entertainment, politics, corporate and entrepreneur.

The selection panel was asked to consider its choices based on the nominee's personal sense of style as well as his contribution to his fields of endeavor and the city of Toronto as a whole.

The original list consisted of approximately 200 men — so we are obviously blessed with lots of stylish men in Toronto. After much deliberation, a group of eight winners finally emerged — just in time to be featured recipients of this prestigious award at the Simpsons/GQ Live show.

Each of the lucky finalists received a specially selected designer outfit which they wore on stage at Simpsons auditorium. They were presented with a diamond success pin, a 1-year subscription to GQ Magazine and a commemorative plaque from Simpsons by GQ publisher Jack Kliger.

The winners are: entrepreneur, Michael Budman, co-owner of Roots; visual arts specialist, Theo Dimson, owner of The Dimson Designs; politics, Ald. Michael Gee, who represents Toronto's Ward 11; creative communicator, Warren Kornblum, president and chief executive officer, MMB/Kornblum International; entertainment, Gord Martineau, of CITY TV; professional, Carlos Ott, senior partner and architect of NORR Partnership Ltd., Toronto; corporate, Isadore Sharpe, president and chief executive officer of the Four Seasons Hotels Ltd., and sports, Ernie Whitt, of the Toronto Blue Jays.

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Fashion

Feminine styles

Italian knitwear collections range from sporty to dressy

Knitwear from Italy takes on a new sophistication this fall with a wide range of dressy looks that go from day into evening, according to the Italian Trade Commission.

No longer the exclusive domain of sportswear, Italian knitwear offers glamorous looks as well — from soft and loose to clingy and sexy.

"The softer feminine look which replaces the severity of past seasons finds its ideal expression in Italian knits for fall '87," observes Colette Hughes, director of the Fashion Center at the Italian Trade Commission.

Luxurious cardigans and pullovers are interpreted in flowing, unstructured shapes; daytime dresses may be pert and mini-short, or go all-out romantic with sleek lines and empire waists.

Evening knits gently drape and cling for the ultimate in feminine appeal.

Italian designers have long been famous for their quality workmanship and innovative combinations, and this season is no exception.

All over, embroidery, appliques, beading and sequins offer interesting counterpoints to the flat, fine knits they decorate.

The knits themselves are sometimes pucker-stitched to create a unique checkerboard texture; or, for an especially rich effect, knit dresses may be trimmed in silk crepe.

Especially popular this fall are whimsical graphics like butterflies and zigzags in jewel-tone brights on black backgrounds.

Or look for gold and silver metallic appliques on soft, neutral-toned separates, for an especially dressy daytime look.

"The combination of wearability and good looks," Ms. Hughes concludes, "makes Italy's knitwear perfectly suited for the needs and tastes of American women."

Model wears a blue knit sweater with lurex flower applique, made in Italy by Nadia Moda for the Casandi Collection. (Rough Layout photo)

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Safari park offers natural habitat

Wildlife thriving in Ramat Gan zoo

By
DAVID LANDAU

RAMAT GAN, Israel — If a tourist to Israel tires of historical monuments and religious shrines, he or she can always go on safari.

A 225-acre zoological centre with an extensive drive-through African area and a smaller conventional zoo is tucked into a corner of Ramat Gan near the Geha Highway. Motorists speeding along Geha past the centre's high concrete wall, decorated with an abstract relief, probably don't realize they are passing the lion park in which sandy-colored lions blend into the unwatered scrub, resting in pairs in the shade of the occasional tree.

The lions, unlike animals in other parts of the safari, disdainfully ignore visitors to their section, but visitors either in their own cars or in buses are repeatedly warned to beware. Windows must be closed before driving through the first of the double entrance gates to the Lion Park, where the lions roam freely. And there are watchtowers and zookeepers in jeeps on hand in case of trouble.

The rationale for a safari park is that animals should be viewed in conditions similar to their natural habitat, and the visitor rather than the animal is enclosed. In addition, the hot, humid summers of Israel's coastal plain suit the African animals here.

The lions obviously can't be trusted to live at peace with the other animals, so they have their own section. But the other wild life, most of them herbivores, don't disturb each other. They don't even compete for food, as each type of animal specializes in eating different kinds of vegetation.

For example, the elands, a type of antelope, are browsers, using their horns to break branches and leaves from the trees in the safari. The gazelles and zebras are grazers; the former eat tender grasses, the latter prefer tougher plants. The zoo supplements the diet of the herbivores with hay and food concentrates. Feeding time provides a good opportunity to view the animals.

Usually a family of hippos lies sumberged in a large crescent-shaped lake, with only an occasional twitching ear or nostril appearing above the surface. A zoo truck deposits hay and fresh grass cuttings in small piles by the lake, and slowly the huge mammals heave their bulk out of the water, swaying in single file towards their feed. A young hippo trots to keep up with his mother. He was born last year at the park, under water, in natural hippo style.

Each animal born at the centre is a national event with photos in the press, and a feeling of tremendous satisfaction at the zoo headquarters, where the policy is conservation as well as education.

Several of the zoo's species are otherwise threatened. The once common Israel gazelle, imperiled by hunters and agricultural poisons, now breeds freely at Ramat Gan. So do the rhinos, who are almost extinct in their native Africa.

After completing the 4½-mile winding route around the safari park, the visitor can stretch his legs in the conventional zoo. This zoo was moved in 1981 from its cramped site in central Tel Aviv to its new quarters in a specially prepared 45-acre enclosure within the centre. The facility is run jointly by the municipalities of Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv. Shlomo Lahat, Mayor of Tel Aviv, is chairman of the board.

All of the animals have by now recovered from the trauma of that move, when it took days to entice one of the elephants to enter the cage on the specially constructed trailer. The carefully tended lawns, flowering bushes and well-swept pathways of the zoo contrast sharply with the wild natural look of the safari park. The visitor to the zoo can rest on a bench in the shade of a tree watching the large collection of apes go through its antics.

The small monkeys are restricted to cages, where they groom each other and climb and leap from netted wall to wire ceiling with ease. Several monkeys leap unhampered by the tiny baby clutching on their back.

The larger apes live in large un-netted enclosures, separated from the public by a ditch and an electric fence. The elephants are also kept in large enclosures, where they behave naturally. They can wade into a large pool to drink and spray themselves with water or mud.

Most visitors with small children head for the children's zoo, where visitors are encouraged to pet and feed the animals. More than in other parts of the zoo, Israelis and tourists of different backgrounds mingle easily. Strictly Orthodox children from B'nai B'rak, with side curls and modest clothing, stroke a friendly sheep. They remark on the shapely shofar each of its horns could become. While two Arab children pick grass to feed a black goat, a French-speaking tourist hoists a small child onto one of the patient ponies corralled in the corner.

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Curacao Jewish community celebrating 300th anniversary

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao —

Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue here, the oldest continually operated house of worship in the western hemisphere, will be the focal point of January's Curacao Caribbean Jewish Festival, a program commemorating Curacao's 300-year-old Jewish community and its precarious origins.

Curacao's Caribbean Jewish Festival, a series of events centred on the origins of Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue, taking place between Jan. 3-21, 1988, has been organized by the Curacao Tourist Board in cooperation with the island's Jewish community, the philanthropic Bnai Zion organization and American Airlines.

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Dedicated in 1732, the temple is one of Curacao's most popular attractions. The structure has an exterior reminiscent of Amsterdam's Portuguese Synagogue and an interior rich with mahogany wood, brass chandeliers, and a sand-carpeted floor.

Interesting legends and theories account for the use of the sand:

Symbolically, the sand represents the Sinai Desert in which the Jews sojourned enroute to the Promised Land. The interior of the Synagogue is patterned after an ancient Israeli encampment with the Tabernacle in the centre and the Israelites encamped on the perimeter.

Some prefer to think the sand represents a blessing to the Patriarchs which declared that their descendants would be as numerous "as sand which is upon the seashore."

A historical version of the sand's use follows the premise that the forebears of the congregation's original members fled to Curacao from Spain and Portugal, placing sand on the floors of their secret synagogues to muffle the sounds of prayer.

From a more practical standpoint, the thick layer of sand served as a carpet to cover the hollow, wooden plank floor to minimize the sounds of footsteps during the service.

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

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By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

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Arts

Jewish soul music at its best

Klein songbook, cassette revel in Yiddish neshama

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Listen, sing, and revel in your Yiddish neshama.

Such is the message conveyed by Cantor Harold Klein's newly released Let's Sing and Celebrate songbook and 90-minute cassette ($25 together/$15 each).

Neshama means soul. The 49 selections from the Shabbat and Yom Tov liturgy put to tune by a variety of composers over the past century or two represent Jewish soul music at its best.

Let's Sing and Celebrate is the sequel to Let's Sing and Daven, an anthology of weekly prayer melodies.

The new tape includes:

• Two folk melody versions of the Friday night Lecha Dodi, one rousing and enthusiastic and the other rolling and contented.

• A bittersweet Oriental-sounding rendition of Shalom Aleichem, the greeting to the angels, composed by Dini Zlotnick.

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• The Bobover chassidim's Ma Oshiv and the Lubavitchers' Kaili Ato.

• Four different selections by Shlomo Carlebach, all sharing his inimitable melody and bounce.

• Turn-of-the-century Yiddish composer Sholom Secunda's version of Hallelu.

Secunda's is one of four versions of that particular psalm with each expressing different aspects of reverence.

Hallelu is one in the series comprising the Yom Tov Hallel, chanted immediately after the main Amidah prayer. Some 15 of the tape's selections are from the Hallel. Their range, expressiveness and lyricism make the emphasis a fortuitous one.

Cantor Harold Klein

The 104-page songbook, with lyrics, music, and chorus, provides the complementary sing- and play-along material.

Many of the selections will be familiar to congregants and visitors to Shaarei Shomayim, where Klein has been cantor for over 15 years. Other selections are still awaiting their debut by Klein and the congregation's choir of some 50 men and boys.

The new anthology's usefulness for schools, choirs, summer camps, and synagogues is obvious. So is its value as a Chanukah gift.

Its ultimate aim, says Klein, is "to transmit the music of the Jewish soul to the next generation." The cassette's partial funding by Canada's multiculturalism ministry recognizes this goal.

Klein quotes Albert Einstein, in a short afterword on the cassette, as saying that the reason he found Jewish folk music the most moving of any was because it was "the truest expression of the soul of a people."

This reviewer senses a second, less obvious, role for the collection: To provide an introductory appreciation for the selections' means of delivery, chazzanut.

In an earlier interview, Klein, a tenor, admitted to The Canadian Jewish News that cantorial popularity was well on the wane, particularly among young people.

"There is too much TV and movies," he said. "As well, chazzans have foregone their air of specialness. In earlier years, they davened mainly on Yom Tov or simchas; now they daven every Shabbes."

He added: "I'm hoping this tape can be a stepping stone for young people in their appreciation of chazzanut."

Chazzanut, in this reviewer's view, is the antithesis of modern music, much of which depicts sexual arousal in its various states. The Yiddish neshama will not be hurried, hot-and-heavy, or simplistic in expressing itself.

Let's Sing and Celebrate has much to offer for even those who do not consider themselves fans of chazzanut, if they apply a little time and patience. Judaism, as has been pointed out again and again, is not a quick fix.

Laughter of the Aged superb

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Good causes do not always make good theatre, but *Isaac: The Laughter of the Aged* comes pretty close.

As a theatrical exercise, this collective work is superb. As an evening of theatre, it is an offbeat production that will have trouble breaking through to a large audience. It runs at St. Paul's Square Theatre, 121 Avenue Rd., just south of Davenport Rd., (924-8817) until Dec. 13.

In this case, the good cause is to show that people over 60 have active brains, they have learned something, they like sex and they like reaching out to other people — the last two not necessarily related.

The eight professional actors, between 61 and 82, have drawn on their memories to provide the content. The project was conceived and directed by Toronto-born Matthew Jocelyn who is 29, and was trained in Canada, England, France, Poland and Japan. This is his first Canadian work.

The show gets its name from the biblical figure of Isaac, whose name means laughter in Hebrew. "When his mother Sarah was 90," says Jocelyn, "she was told that she would bear a son. She laughed at the thought of such a thing, and thus the child was named."

There is the ever-present danger that what is a stirring reminiscence in the mind of one of these actors will be trite, and even cliched, for the audience. But no such criticism can be made of the scene in which all are in a doctor's office awaiting their turn. This is an absolute jewel.

The players are Jessica Booker, Helen Carscallen, David Harvey, Gordon Jocelyn, Syd Libman, Desmond Scott, Stella Sprowell and Elaine Wood.

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Arts

Turbulent backdrop of 60 years of Chinese history

Last Emperor is a rare exercise in film achievement

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

There hasn't been a film like *The Last Emperor* in years.

Bernardo Bertolucci's picture is truly a cinematic event. He has directed a film that honestly can be described as an epic. Visually brilliant, it compares favorably with *Ben Hur* and *Lawrence of Arabia*.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *The Last Emperor* unfolds against the turbulent backdrop of some 60 years of Chinese history — from the Qing dynasty to the Cultural Revolution.

Based on the true story of Pu Yi, China's last monarch who died in 1967 as a simple gardener, *The Last Emperor* contains all the elements of genuine drama.

Pu Yi was born in 1905 and ascended to the dragon throne at the tender age of 3. Forced to abdicate in 1912, after the establishment of Sun Yat-sen's republic, Pu Yi was thereafter a virtual prisoner, confined to the Forbidden City in Beijing, the seat of the ill-fated Qing dynasty.

Living a life of unparallelled decadence, amid corrupt but fawning courtiers, consorts, concubines and 1,500 eunuchs, Pu Yi — The Son of Heaven, The Lord of Ten Thousand Years — was expelled from the Forbidden City in 1924 by a war lord.

Aided by his friend and tutor, the dour Reginald Johnston, a Scotsman, Pu Yi fled to the city of Tientsin, where he became a dissolute playboy.

In 1931, in the wake of Japan's conquest of Manchuria, his ancestral home, Pu Yi committed the greatest mistake of his life, accepting a Japanese invitation to become emperor of the puppet state of Manchukuo.

Captured in 1945 by Russian forces, Pu Yi, charged with being a collaborator, spent the next few years in a Soviet jail. Branded a war criminal by China's Communist government, he languished for a decade in a Chinese prison, and was released in 1960 after a thorough "reeducation." In the final seven years of his tumultuous life, he found contentment as a gardener in Beijing's Botanical Gardens.

With the able assistance of screenwriter Mark Peploe, Bertolucci, an Italian filmmaker (*Last Tango in Paris*), has turned Pu Yi's tragic personnel odyssey into a grand, sweeping 2-hour-and-45-minute filmic account of modern Chinese history.

It should be said that *The Last Emperor* was filmed almost entirely in China and is the first Western production to be made about China with the full cooperation of the Chinese government.

Pu Yi, as he grows from boyhood into manhood, is played by a succession of accomplished actors — Richard Vuu, Tijger Tsou, Wu Tao and, finally, John Lone.

Peter O'Toole, in an adept performance, plays Johnston, the wise tutor who was instrumental in helping Pu Yi break away from the cloistered medievalism of his early life.

Joan Chen, beautiful and sublimely elegant, portrays Wan Jung, one of his two temperamental wives.

Ferdinando Scarfiotti's sets are, in a word, exquisite. Never before on the screen has the splendor of imperial China been so marvellously evoked.

Costume designer James Acheson has created a dazzling panoply of courtly fashions, embroidered silks and linens which complement the sets.

Vittorio Storaro, the cinematographer, captures the smallest revealing details, as well as moments of breathtaking grandeur.

The Last Emperor, **from its opening minutes, is a rare exercise in film achievement. I sat through it with a sense of mounting fascination, wonder and admiration.**

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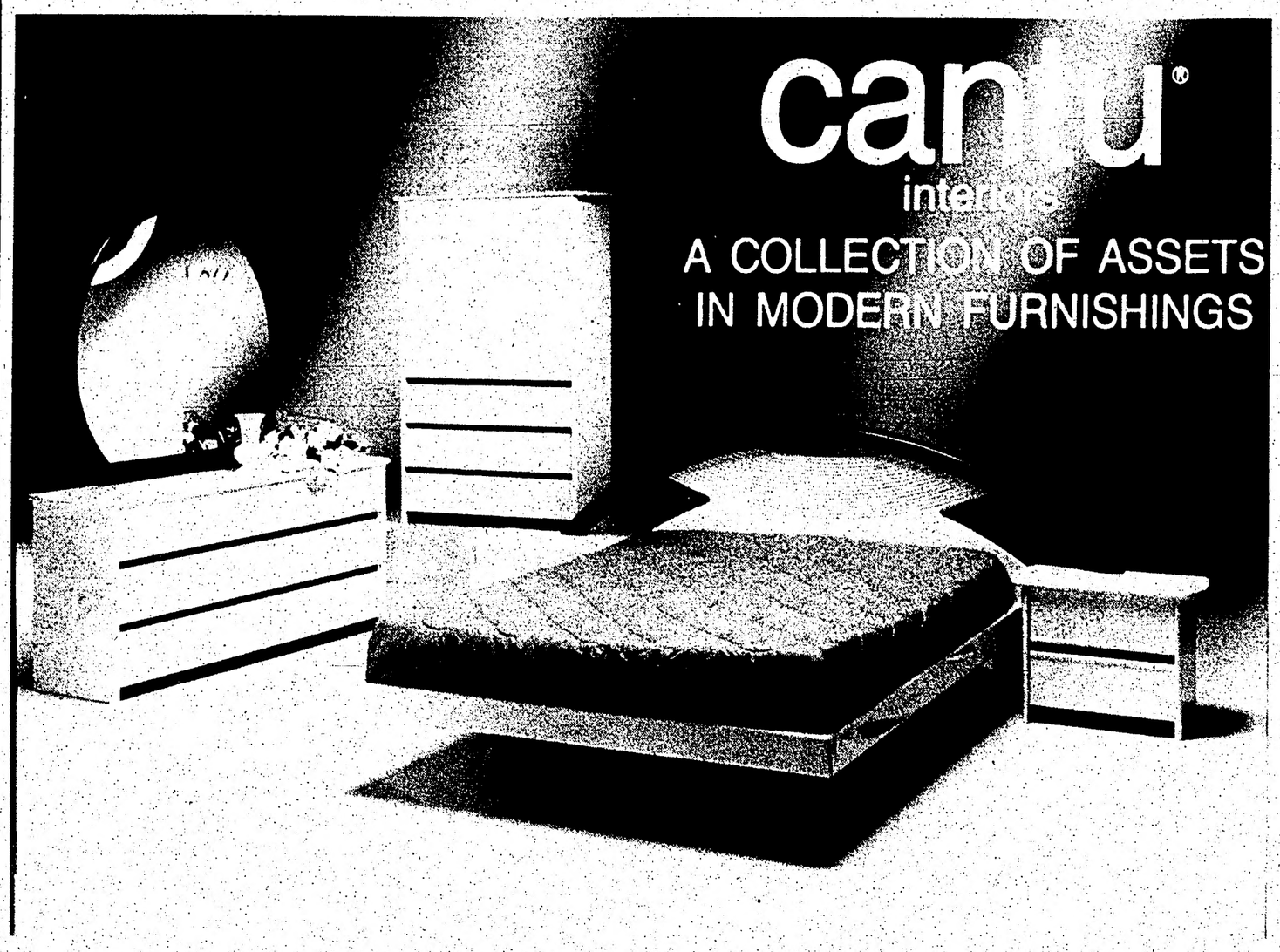

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Arts

Heritage Singers to mark 25th year as chorale group

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
When The Heritage Singers perform at the Dec. 12 Chanukah meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, they will be marking their 25th year as a choral group.

It's a quarter century since five Hadassah members — Ann Sugarman, Helen Sherman, Ella Himel, Edith Baruch and the late Ruth Mitchell — who just liked to sing, first banded together, found an accompanist and prepared a program for their chapter. The response was exceptionally enthusiastic. Requests started coming in from other organizations and before long, The Heritage Singers were born.

Today, with numbers expanded to nine, including three originals plus Edith Narvey Komisar, their accompanist from the beginning, the ensemble is in demand not only in the Toronto area but in other parts of Southern Ontario.

Yiddish and Hebrew folk songs are a specialty, but there is also a strong multicultural repertoire — French, English, Russian, Yugoslavian, even Japanese, as well as some liturgical music and show tunes.

When The Heritage Singers stand on stage, voices rising in harmony as an old Yiddish melody envelopes the audience, the reasons for their popularity are obvious. Warmth and talent and a real love for what they are doing are almost tangible.

All of the participants are trained singers who perform too with other choirs, Temple Sinai, Beth Tzedec, Holy Blossom, Beth Tikvah. Narvey Komisar conducts (from the piano), accompanies and writes some of the arrangements. One of the choristers, Helen Greenberg, has dedicated several of her own compositions to the group.

Rehearsals are held regularly once a week in the members' homes.

The Heritage Singers have appeared at such diverse events as an award brunch given by Metro Family Service Association to honor Ruth Atkinson Hindmarsh, Israel Day at Ontario Place and the Toronto sesquicentennial celebrations in Nathan Phillips Square.

They have also performed at the Zimria (choral festival) sponsored annually by the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, at a Brotherhood gathering in Anshe Sholom Temple, Hamilton and for a women's organization in Windsor.

There is consistent dedication to seniors: Baycrest, St. Hilda's Towers, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Jewish Community Centre Good Age Club and numerous others, enjoy visits from the choir.

What keeps the group together? Says Narvey Komisar, "It's our love of singing and performing. But there's more. Through the years we've attended one another's simchas, shared joys and sorrows. We enjoy the company; it's social as well as musical."

For more information about The Heritage Singers, phone 782-5923.

Celebrating their 25th anniversary, the Heritage Singers are (left to right) Ella Himel, Anne Ross, Ann Sugarman, Ethel List, Edith Narvey Komisar (conductor and accompanist), Helen Greenberg, Fay Kellerstein and Edith Barruch. Not present for the photo were Margaret Naslen and Sandy Schafer.

Vancouverites' musical offering pleases

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —
To sing His praises is a mitzvah, to compose the music is a gift. *Songs of the Heart* is an offering to the Jewish community by three Vancouverites: Myrna Rabinowitz, Hanna Tiferet Siegel and Harley Rothstein.

The cassette is now in its second run of 500. Gary Cristall of the Vancouver Folk Music Society is reported to have offered to distribute it Canada-wide through Festival Records.

Songs of the Heart **comprises 12 songs, seven of which are composed by Siegel, four by Rabinowitz and one by Rothstein. Rabinowitz sings lead vocals on eight songs, Siegel, who plays flute, sings lead on two songs and Rothstein, who plays guitar, sings lead vocals on two songs.**

They are accompanied on conga, percussion, bass and singing by friends.

The music has an easy soft lullaby wispy feel like that of the 60s. One can imagine them frolicking about in an open field on a sunny day.

Or Hadash and *Oseh Shalom* on the first side and *Sim Shalom* and *Hatov* on the second side are the strongest songs musically. And it is Rabinowitz's strong confident voice that carries them.

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Songs of the Heart is produced under the watchful professional ear of Simon Garber at Bullfrog Studios in Vancouver. It makes a lovely Chanukah present.

The cassette is available in Vancouver at Shalom Books and Banyan Books; in Toronto at Negev Book & Gift Store and Israels' The Judaica Centre and in Montreal at Rodal's Book Store. It also may be ordered from Or Shalom, 27 W. 23rd Ave., Vancouver V5Y 2G8.

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The scholarship, to be awarded annually, is to have an initial value of no less than $500, according to Martin Rosenthal, president and general manager of Different Drummer Communications Inc. (CFMX-FM and Different Drummer Productions). He said it is hoped that within a short period of time this fund will grow to provide awards for deserving young performers.

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Arts

Pat Dawson as a prima donna Broadway star and Frank Ruffo as a gigolo are delightful in 42nd Street at Limelight Dinner Theatre.

42nd Street revived at Limelight

Corny tale hits right chord

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Adolf Toman is an increasingly skilful exponent of the less-is-more school of theatre.

By that, I mean that Toman, artistic director of the 300-seat Limelight Dinner Theatre, makes a virtue out of his cramped quarters and small casts.

He'll take a lavish Broadway musical hit, and by using his ingenuity, convert it into a winsome miniature of intimacy and charm.

A sterling example of his magic is *42nd Street*, playing for an indefinite run at the Limelight (2026 Yonge, between Davisville and Eglinton, 482-5200).

It's based, of course, on Busby Berkeley's 1933 movie classic. It's a corny story about a smalltown chorus girl who becomes an overnight Broadway star, and it originally featured Ruby Keeler, Dick Powell, Ginger Rogers, Warner Baxter and Bebe Daniels.

Under the direction of lesser hands, its revival could have been a slurpy hunk of shleppy shmaltz.

But with Toronto's Brian Foley creating imaginative choreography for the cast of 18 Canadian hoofers-cum-singers and Don Horsburgh's 5-piece band making lustrous music out of the Harry Warren-Al Dubin Depression Era tunes, *We're In The Money*, *Shuffle Off To Buffalo* and *Lullabye of Broadway*, it's a cheery and bouncy sky-larking delight.

I'd call it Toman's most successful musical revival yet. In some scenes, it even surpasses the slick, Tony Award-winning Broadway version choreographed in 1981 by Gower Champion, which played at the O'Keefe Centre last season.

Toman, in tandem with Foley, has chosen and polished a chorus line of 12 energetic, fresh-faced young Canadians, from such communities as Saskatoon, Calgary and Winnipeg, and made them sparkle and strut with panache as though they were pros double that number.

Among the principals, the major find is Lesley Ballantyne, heretofore best known for playing the title role in the Charlottetown Festival's *Anne Of Green Gables*. Here she's a standout in the part of the stage-struck chorine — a bug's-ear-cute blonde ingenue, who dances with grasshopper lightness, sings entrancingly, and can act either sweet or sexy. We're sure to hear more of her in the future.

Victor A. Young is tall, handsome and authoritative as the Broadway producer who gives her a break. He won a Dora Award last year for his performance as the Red Shadow lead in the Toronto production of *The Desert Song*, which I thought was too campy. Here Toman has wisely directed him to play his cliche-ridden lines straight — especially the famous stereotyped command to the ingenue: "You'll go out there onstage as a young chorus girl and come back a star!"

The cast is unusually rich in its hoofers who are also versatile clowns. Pat Dawson, who has been a brassy Adelaide in *Guys And Dolls* and an abrasive Rose in *Gypsy*, is very funny here as the aging prima donna star who breaks her ankle and thus gives the ingenue her big chance.

Other farceurs who charmed me include Tricia Adams as a wonky sexpot, Frank Ruffo who sparkled in the too-minor role of a gigolo, Barrie Baldaro as a Texas-accented sugar daddy, and Cara Chisholm who was a laugh-provoking scene-stealer as a nitwit blonde flapper girl with a squeaky Betty Boop voice.

It's a sappily good-natured, high-spirited and high-kicking show, recommended as snazzy entertainment for your out-of-town relatives during the holiday season.

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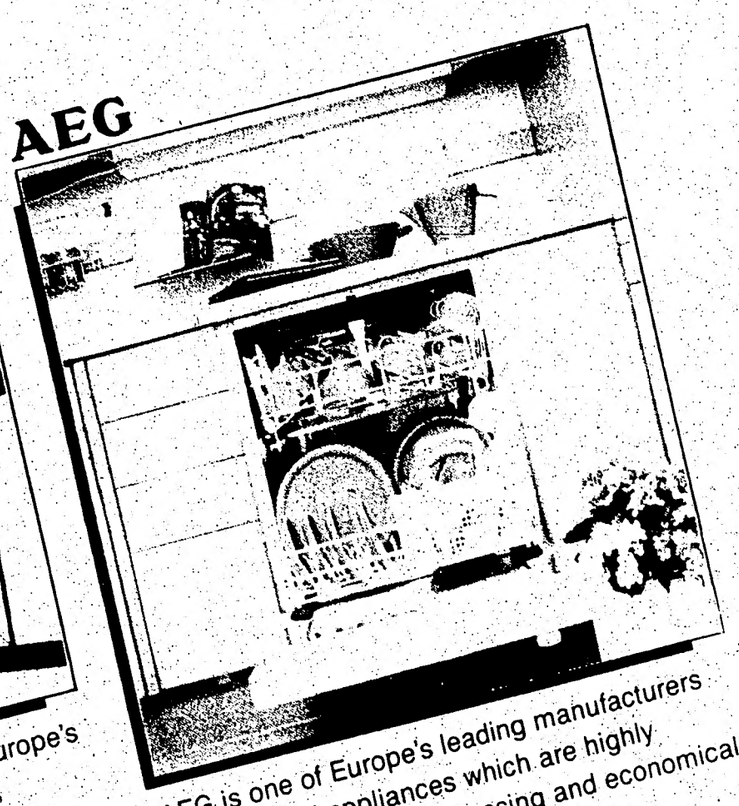

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Arts

The 6-foot-6 Tommy Tune is a nimble-toed giant at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room.

Tune's beguiling in salute to Astaire

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Let's face this matter boldly.

The truth of the matter is that Tommy Tune can't carry a tune.

But it doesn't seem to matter. For the Tony Award-winning, 6-foot-6 hoofer, choreographer and Broadway star has a lot of other things on the ball.

He's got these long, supple stork legs, an infectious Texas grin, a showman-like sense of style to help him carry off his debonair patter, and plenty of charm to burn.

Or, as Sam Goldwyn once said to that other skinny tap dancer endowed with just a passable singing voice, Fred Astaire, "You're a star because you've got warmth and charm."

Whatever that is, Tune has got it, as he demonstrates in his 70-minute nightclub act, titled *A Salute To Fred Astaire*, which is running until Dec. 5 at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room.

To compensate for his deficiency in the vocalizing department, the dancer has augmented his show with a barbershop trio of male singers - cum - musicians called the Manhattan Rhythm Kings. They're genuinely tuneful vocalists, whether they're harmonizing in a doo-wap rhythm-and-blues song or backing up Tune in a strutty military chorus of *Strike Up The Band*.

Tune devotes most of his show to what he calls "contemporary nostalgia" — the sort of vintage Cole Porter and Irving Berlin classics favored by Fred Astaire, such as *You're The Tops* and *Puttin' On My Top Hat*.

But he also offers a couple of the 33 little-known pop songs that the remarkably prolific Astaire composed. The best of them, which Astaire co-wrote with Johnny Mercer, is the engaging and agreeable *I'm Building Up To An Awful Letdown*.

Engaging and agreeable are two adjectives that nicely define Tune's show. It's not a dynamite act and it lacks a feminine Ginger Rogers-like foil who would add some needed sexual oomph to the on-stage goings-on.

Still, it's a pleasantly beguiling piece of song-and-dance entertainment. In his chatter with the audience, Tune reveals amusingly what his idol said when Astaire caught his act in California:

"He peered up at my top hat and his first words to me were, 'You're a tall son of a bitch!' "

But Tune clearly has more going for him than his extraordinary height. Like Astaire, he's got nimble toes and a blithe and urbane elegance — and he makes it all seem so effortless.

Sharon, Lois, Bram eye new markets

TORONTO —

The release of their latest record album for children, Stay Tuned, also marks Sharon, Lois & Bram's recent signing of a licencing agreement to market their records in the U.S. and Europe.

A&M Records is releasing four of their popular albums south of the border — Mainly Mother Goose, One Elephant, In The Schoolyard, Singing 'n Swinging — as well as Stay Tuned.

Since the release of their first album, One Elephant, in 1978, Sharon, Lois & Bram have sold more than a million and a half records in Canada.

Stay tuned, their eighth album, features 23 new songs from Sharon, Lois & Bram's television series, The Elephant Show, soon to begin its fourth season on CBC-TV.

It is a collection of lively and comical children's songs highlighted by some great pop hits of yesteryear — Rock Around The Clock, Shoo Fly Pie, A-Tisket A-Tasket, and a hot Tex-Mex version of The Hokey Pokey.

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Play fails to capture Emily Carr's heart and soul

By
FRANK RASKY

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She was an earth mother sort of woman. She was plump, sensuous and fiercely independent, sometimes bawdy in her language, sometimes unbridled in her appetites, always a free spirit in rebellion.

She was a painter like no other female artist. Unfettered in her style, she rejected the prissy, dainty, Englishfied, la-de-da pastels common in her day. Instead, she slapped primary colors on canvases with virile vigor, capturing like nobody else the bold strength and beauty of British Columbia's sawtooth mountains and rain forests of Douglas firs and soaring Indian totem poles.

And she was one of Canada's most underrated authors. Though she finally won a Governor-General's Award in 1941 for her collecton of West Coast Indian tales titled *Klee Wyck* (their nickname for her, meaning "The Laughing One"), the literary critics never gave her writing talent its proper due during her lifetime.

It was only after her death in 1945, at the age of 74, that her posthumous books of sketches and journals, from *Growing Pains* to *The Heart Of A Peacock*, gained deserved recognition for the way she caught the sounds and smells and sights of the Canadian milieu.

She was, of course, *Emily Carr*. And that is the title of the 2-character drama running until Dec. 13 at the Alumnae Theatre (70 Berkeley St. near Adelaide, 364-4170).

It's written and directed by Alan Richardson, who founded five years ago the 9-member troupe of professional Toronto actors known as the Trinity Theatre Ensemble.

Based on her diaries and stories, the play attempts to portray the 70-year-old Emily Carr on a sketching trip in the British Columbia rain forest. She is accompanied by a 20-year-old art student named Annie who is supposed to represent the aspirations and dreams of Emily Carr when she was just beginning her career.

Michele George, a veteran Toronto actress, does a fine job of depicting the cranky, caustic, sometimes childishly perverse character of Emily Carr. She is particularly good at rendering the eccentricities of the elderly artist, when recalling her love for her now dead monkeys and other animal pets. Debra Aylwin Wright is less effective as Annie — perhaps because the character is so sketchily written.

The towering trees of the set designed by Sandra Crockard-Villa are nicely atmospheric and the music by Ahmed Hassan and John Lang, experienced composers for the Desrosiers Dance Theatre, sets the woodsy mood beautifully.

But a serious defect in the production is the script by Richardson. It tends to trivialize Emily Carr; the heart and soul and brilliant mind of the artist that made her such a multi-gifted genius are lacking. Perhaps Richardson set himself an impossible task in trying to plumb the depths dramatically of a supersensitive creator.

The play is recommended for Emily Carr fans and art specialists. For a more profound insight into the full-bodied woman, the best source remains the paintings and writings of Emily Carr herself.

Michele George (left) as 70-year-old Emily Carr comforts Debra Aylwin Wright as an art student in the play about British Columbia's famed painter at Alumnae Theatre.

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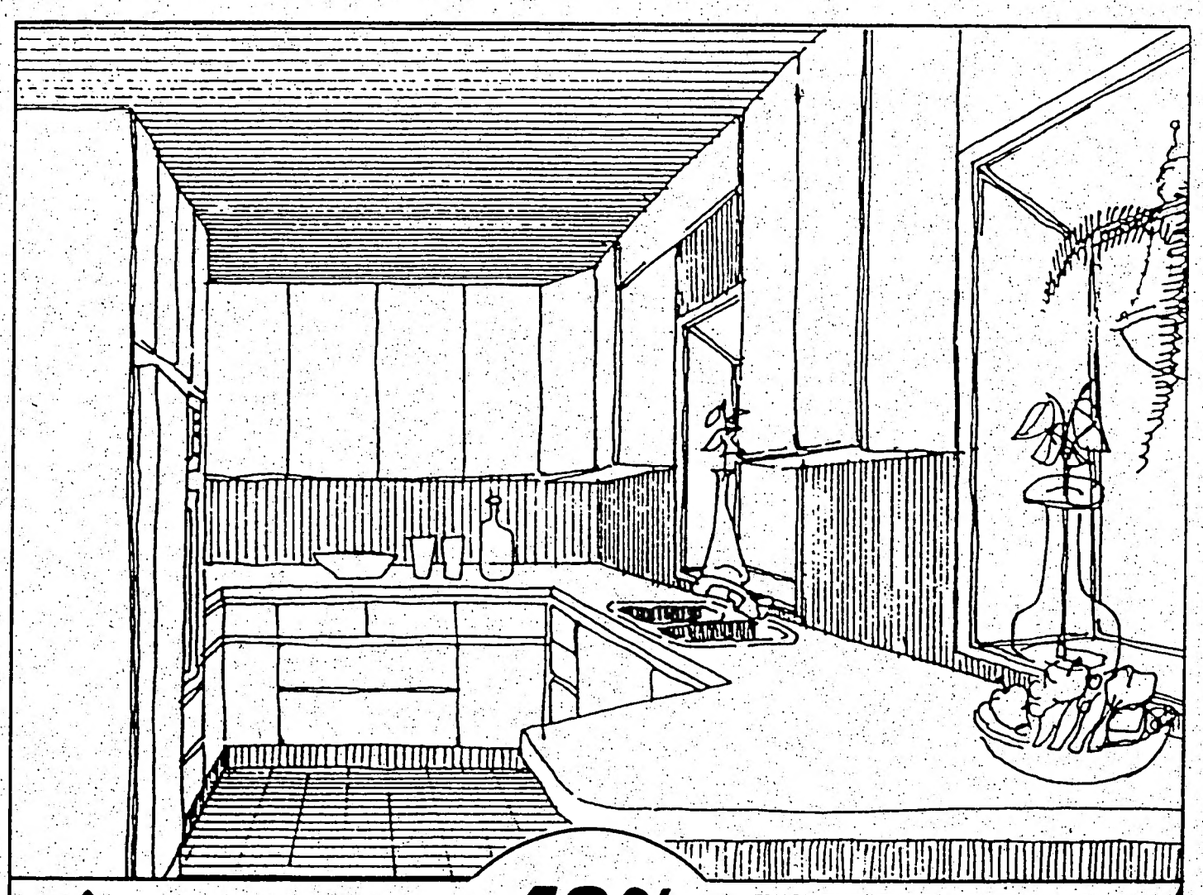
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BATHURST-STEELES — LOOK NO FURTHER!
Quiet cres., fin. bsmnt., playroom, 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm., fenced garden, sauna, near parks. Robin Korman, 731-7111.

EDMUND SEAGER ESTATES — DESIGNER HOME
Gorgeous 4 bdrm., 4 bths., mn. flr. libr. & fam. rm., open concept, gourmet kitch., 60' lot, $498,900. Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

BATHURST-YORK HILL — SUPER STARTER!
Reduced! 3 bdrm., master ensuite, fin. bsmnt., dble. gar., $ in extras, quiet cres. $204,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CENTRE — STUPENDOUS OFFERING!
Lux. 3 bdrm., townhoume, fin. bsmnt., air, upgraded, demand area, near Promenade & transportation, $199,900. Andy Reti, 731-7111.

BATHURST-NORTH — IRRESISTIBLE!
Vendor bought! Immaculate 3 bdrm. link, cathedral ceiling, super fam. rm., fin. bsmnt. $181,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE!
Lovely 6 rm. semi bung., fin. bsmnt., sep. entrance, appls., air, $209,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — DREAM TOWNHOUSE!
Reduced! Immaculate, 3 bdrm., end unit. Homes & Gardens decor. Sunken liv rm., ensuite bath. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

BAYVIEW NORTH — $189,900
Ultramodern 3 bdrm. semi, open concept, professionally fin. bsmnt., Homes & Gardens decor. Must be seen! Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

BAYVIEW NORTH — OUTSTANDING VALUE!
Spacious 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., dble. gar., huge lot. Near all amenities. $239,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

DON MILLS-STEELES — WYCLIFFE-BUILT
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$359,000 Semi ravine lot 60' x 150'. In location where $800,000 new homes are selling from plans. Don LePage 449-2020.

BEST BUY! YORK MILLS/BAYVIEW!!
$438,000. Make an offer! 75'x186'! Fabulous renovation/top to bottom! Super ensuite has bath, sep. shower! Professionally finished lower level! Terry Moranis 449-2020.

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$559,900. 4 bdrms, 3 baths on upper, mn. flr. den & fam. rm. Gorgeous atrium entry hall. Lower level has rec. rm + games rm. Maid's suite. H. Cohen/R. Baker 449-2020.

BREATHTAKING RAVINE — YORK MILLS
$649,000. Superb walkout bungalow. Impressive ceramic foyer with skylight. Large master 4 pc. ens. French immersion school. Barbara Glenny-Bunting 449-2020.

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$695,000. 4,000 sq. ft. new custom home by Shohreh on quiet street. Lot 60'x258'. Call M. Church 449-2020.

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$895,000. Leslie York Mills. Up to the minute renovation. 5 bdrms, fam. rm. + den, ingrd. pool. Master suite — fp., ensuite + study. H. Blaug/B. Barker 449-2020.

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$2,500,000. "Napier Simpson"! Custom built 1979 on ¾ acre! 5,000 sq. ft., gracious pincipal rooms, elegantly appointed. More! Terry Moranis 449-2020.

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$239,000. Extremely well maintained semi with pr. dr. Large living & dining rms., nice fireplace, gas furnace, 3 bdrms. A winner! Act now! Sandra Goodwin 487-4343.

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$314,900. Well maintained inc. new kit., w/o to deck, 4th bedroom with ens. & w/o, great for guests! All appliances including freezer. Nancy Dunlop 449-2020.

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$339,000. 5 bdrm. Victorian. Quiet tree lined street. Single family or reno, as duplex. Beautiful detail. Ensuite has marble bath. Must see. Allan Consky 487-4343.

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$369,900. Beautifully renovated. Immed. possession. 3 bds., 2 baths, f/place. Quiet cres. Demand area. Walk to schools, shops, TTC. Dorothy Campbell 449-2020.

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$449,000. Custom built on lovely lot! Large principal rooms, 4 baths! Fully finished walkout lower level! Central air, more! Terry Moranis 449-2020.

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PROMENADE 2! GREAT BUY!!
$175,900. Fabulous 2 bdrm., 2 baths, sun-den, eat-in kitchen, ens. Indry. + storage. Desirable S.W. view. Walk to shop & synagogue. Apr. poss. Barb. Yanover 449-2020.

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$385,000. Sophisticated: designer p.h. ste. Bright lr. & dr. W/O balcony. S. exp. M. bdrm. + den/bdrm. with oak lacquered wall units. 2 baths. S. Feldman 487-4343.

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This lovely 2 storey home features large principal rooms, 3 bdrms, 3 baths, main floor powder rm, fin. bsmt, CAC, updated mechanics. Marilyn Feldman 441-2888. SOLD

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3 bdrm. bungalow on fab. lot! Perfect prestigious location. Caron Nightingale 441-2888.

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This totally finished 4 bedroom home backs onto parkland and shows beautifully. Finished in the finest wallpapers & ceramics, the main floor fam. rm. also has a fireplace & wet bar and has both central air + vac. systems. Asking $334,900. Call to view! Brenda Abramson 441-2888.

BATHURST/STEELES $299,900
Charming 4 bedroom on quiet cres., main flr. family rm, greenhouse kit., walking dist. to schools, shopping, synagogues. Karyn Kalef 441-2888.

ULTIMATE LUXURY CONDO ON LAKE
Superb S/W views from huge balcony, professionally upgraded with the finest. Gleaming oak floors, dream kitchen, 2 br, 2 baths, marble foyer, + atrium. $749K. Michele Noar 441-2888.

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$214,900 or $1,400 to rent, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 pkg. 1,400 sq. ft., white Italian kit. N. Fruitman 441-2888.

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Walk to synagogue. Gracious Georgian home on almost 1 acre lot. Homes & Garden decor. 4 bdrms, den, lib. Large formal dining rm. Tennis crt. Sauna, and more. Opportunity call Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

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$429,000. App. 2,700 sq. ft. Entire flr. privacy & luxury. 3 bdrms/bth & den. Gail Prince 488-4488.

SUPER HOME — BAYVIEW VILLAGE!
$410,000. This lovely 4 bdrm & home features large principal rms. Fabulous family rm with O,F.P. Built-ins, w/o to patio. Finished lower level. CAC and much more. Call Barbara Jacobs 488-4488.

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Superb 3 bdrm. bungalow. Large eat-in kitchen. Lovely decor. CAC. Close to synagogues, T.T.C. etc. Carole Lazer/Barbara Jacobs 488-4488.

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BATHURST-CLARK
2-bdrm. lux. condo/apt., balcony, locker, parking + +. For info on this & others call Marina Smolyar, 886-1200.

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2-bdrm. exec. townhouse, fin. bsmt. w. firepl., income potential. Call Marina Smolyar, 886-1200.

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2-BDRM. LUXURY + CONDOS
Yonge-Sheppard upper flr., $189,900. Skyview, sola & balcony, $248,900. Conservatory, 1,400 sq. ft., $209,900. Promenade, best view, $176,900. Info on all condos Eva Ungar, 886-1200.

ONE OF A KIND — RICHMOND HILL
3,000 sq. ft. of luxurious living, 3 bdrms., mn.-flr. fam. & laund. rms., entry from garage; premium greenbelt lot. $ in upgrades. G. Bornstein, 731-2600.

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1,700 sq. ft., premium lot, 3 bdrms., Bathurst/Centre, brick, skylight, many upgrades. Sharon Rosenzweig, 731-2600.

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Stunning 2 storey, over 3,000 sq. ft. on quiet Crescent, main floor family room + den. *MARY FENYES 224-2800.

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Lovely 3 bedroom at Steeles & Bathurst, family room, air conditioning. Just reduced. *LENNA GROSS 224-2800.

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Just listed, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, double garage, alarm, family room and fireplace with oversized kitchen. A pleasure to view. *MARLON GREEN 224-2800.

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3 bedrooms, den, double door entry, large living room, air conditioning. *LARRY WRONZBERG 224-2800.

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$249,900, southwest corner unit, spectacular view, 1,350 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 2 bath. **LAWRENCE WOLSTAT 223-5100.

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3 bdrm bungalow. Fin. bsmt. 50'x132' lot. $229,000. Judit Engel/Shelly Halpern 226-9770.

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***BATHURST & STEELES**
3 years new home! 2 fireplaces. Main floor family room. Super eat-in kitchen. Many extras. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

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Huge Principal Rms, 87 Ft Front, exquisite fam. Rm & Lib, Gourmet Kit. Cabaret Rm & Bar. Sunken Lr, Oak flrs, grand open staircase. Thousands in extras. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

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$395,000 York Mills & Bayview! 3 bdrm., 3 bath. bungalow with large principal rms., eat-in kitchen, finished lower level, rec. room, 4th bdrm. with bath, 50 x 125' south lot! S. Voros 226-0803.

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3 bdrms., 2 b'h, spacious liv. & din. Large kit., fin. bsmt., gar. 633-7373.

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Large 3 bdrm. split level, shape liv. & din. Hollywood kit., fin. bsmt., 2 bth, gar. 633-7373.

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2 storey, 3 bdrms., liv. & din. comb., mod. kit., 2 bth., fin. bsmt., w/o to ravine lot, gar. Steps to all. 633-7373.

WILMINGTON-OVERBROOK
Custom built 3 bdrms. + den, huge liv. & din. Large kit., appls., 3 bth., fin. bas., dbl. gar. 633-7373.

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Large 6 rms., 3 bdrms., 2 bth., fireplace, fin. bas., dbl. gar. Large lot. 633-7373.

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NEW IN THORNHILL
Walk to synagogues & Promenade Mall. Dble. door entry with ceramic flr. & curved oak staircase. Fam. rm., firepl., 2½ bths. & dble. gar. $248,900. Irene Smith 222-9707, MONTREAL TRUST RLTR.

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THORNHILL
Bayview & Willowbrook
$274,900, 2 storey brick Tudor, 58 Innisbrook, quiet cres., 4 bdrms., 2½ bths., ground floor fam. rm., firepl., w/o, mn. level laundry, dble. gar. Jean Silver, Bramalea Rlty. 222-8991.

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CLARK-BATHURST
2,700 sq. ft. + fin. bsmt., sauna, rec. rm. 2 bdrms., 4 baths, very special house, $294,900; loads of extras. Sally Rosen, 884-4425.

BATHURST-STEELES
3 townhoumes - from $159,000. 3 baths, appl., air, garage, nice community. Sally Rosen, 884-4425.

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Berman, Nellie on November 19, 1987, late of Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
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Fokshansky, Monya on November 19, 1987, late of 6101 Bathurst St. #411.
Freedman, Diana on November 21, 1987, late of 6 Crystal Drive.
Glasner, David on November 17, 1987, late of 660 Eglinton Ave. W., #404.
Gold, Hannah on November 21, 1987, late of 387 Brooke Avenue.
Goldfarb, Hyman on November 16, 1987, late of 23 Renshaw Street.
Gotlieb, Julius on November 19, 1987, late of 50 Robin Grove.
Greenberg, Julia Ruth on November 20, 1987, late of 7 Willow Heights Court.
Hoffenberg, Samuel on November 18, 1987, late of 169 Cline Ave. S., Hamilton.
Kalman, Johanna on November 21, 1987, late of 82 Summerhill Avenue.
Modzlewieski, Josephine on November 18, 1987, late of Christie Park Nursing Home.
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Jack Nemers on Nov. 14/87, late of 95 Dell Park.
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BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Access Fund deadline set at Dec. 31

TORONTO — The first deadline for community organizations applying for grants from the Ontario government's Access Fund is Dec. 31, it has been announced.

The $15 million fund provides matching grants of up to $50,000 to community organizations for renovations to their premises that improve physical access for disabled persons and senior citizens. This includes such additions as ramps, elevators, grab bars, alert and emergency systems, signs that are three-dimensional or in braille and changes to structural features, such as widening of doors.

The Access Fund, which will provide $15 million over three years for eligible renovations, is a joint program of the Office for Disabled Persons and the Office for Senior Citizens' Affairs.

After the Dec. 31 deadline, there will be four more deadlines, April 1, 1988, Oct. 1, 1988, April 1, 1989 and Oct. 1, 1989.

Participating community organizations must contribute an amount equal to the government grant. That sum should come from sources other than the federal or provincial governments.

To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be private, non-profit and must have been incorporated for at least a year prior to applying.

The Access Fund will help pay for such renovation costs as professional fees for architects, engineers, and consultants, permit and municipal inspector fees, construction costs including demolition, labor, materials and insurance and all adjustments to permanent furnishings and equipment to make them physically accessible.

Further information and applications for Access Fund grants are available from the Office for Disabled Persons. The address is: Access Fund, Office for Disabled Persons, 700 Bay St. 2nd Floor, Toronto, M5G 1Z6 or call (416) 965-3165 in Toronto, 1-800-387-4456 toll free (voice/TDD).

Business Outlook

Marriage contract: device to avoid problems

(This material is excerpted in part from The New Family Law by Lorne H. Wolfson, a partner with the law firm of Torkin, Manes and Cohen, and circulated by Mintz Partners, chartered accountants.)

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Since the enactment of the Ontario Family Law Act, 1986, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of people seeking marriage contracts. These contracts are personal financial planning devices to avoid problems and disputes long before they arise, and they are typically used long before any anticipated or actual separation.

A marriage contract can cover ownership in or division of property, support obligations, the right to direct the education and moral training of their children, but not the right to custody of, or access to, their children, and any other matter (except the rights of possession of a matrimonial home) in the settlement of their affairs.

Some typical situations in which marriage contracts can be particularly useful:

(a) Where the parties bring unequal amounts of assets, liabilities, or prospects of future acquisitions.

(b) Where both parties agree that the equalization of their property would lead to an "unfair" result, for example where one spouse brings property that will be used as the matrimonial home which would be equally divided in the event of a marriage breakdown.

(c) Where each spouse is self-sufficient and every asset will remain the property of the person who acquires it.

(d) Where the spouses wish to have certainty of knowing who will be entitled to what assets.

(e) Where one of the spouses is concerned that the other spouse may incur debts or liabilities or recklessly deplete his or her net family property.

(f) Where individuals carrying on business together wish to have protection against claims against the business being asserted by the spouse of one of the principals.

(g) Where spouses wish to confirm the value of their property on a key date or to adopt a particular method of valuation of the property.

Do You Need a Marriage Contract?

To help you in determining whether or not you need (or even want) a marriage contract, here is a checklist:

• Don't set the wedding date until the contract has been prepared and signed. If you are already married, don't wait for a crisis — by then it will be too late.

• Consider realistically whether your relationship can withstand the stress and strain of negotiating a marriage contract.

• Exchange full financial information about all assets, liabilities, income and expenses with your spouse or future spouse.

• Discuss with your mate the type of division of property each of you would consider desirable in the event of a marriage breakdown or death.

• Meet with a solicitor who has expertise in family law matters about which provincial property legislation would apply to you, and about what the effect of the governing legislation would be on the division of property on marriage breakdown, or death, on support rights and on any other matter of concern to you.

• Discuss with your spouse and decide whether you are both content with the results under the applicable legislation. If you are, you do not need a marriage contract and you need not proceed further.

• Consider one of the following approaches to the division of property:

(a) Property is divided according to ownership.

(b) All property is equally owned and equally divided in the event of marriage breakdown or death.

(c) Family assets (the matrimonial home and recreational properties, the furniture and furnishing located in each, family vehicles and boats, joint bank accounts, and so on) are divided equally, while non-family assets (business interests, pensions, investments and the like) remain the property of the person in whose name they are registered.

(d) Certain assets (for example, the matrimonial home, particular business interests, pensions, and so on) are removed from the equalization process and dealt with specifically; the Family Law Act governs the division of all other property; or

(e) A combination of any or all of the above.

• You should consider whether there are other non-property issues you may wish to resolve at the same time.

• Each party must have proper independent legal advice before signing the contract.

• Once the contract has been signed, put your copy in a safe place. Like a will, a well-drafted marriage contract should not need constant attention. When you prepare or revise your will, purchase life insurance or undertake any type of income tax or estate planning, make sure your professional advisors are aware of the existence and the terms of your marriage contract.

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Senior citizens take to streets in wheelchairs

By MOURA WOLPERT

Tanis Hall

HAMILTON —

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Eighty was the average age of the patients who were taking part in the first wheelchair wheelathon ever held in Hamilton.

The idea for the event came from Tanis Hall who was appointed as the hospital's first director of development 15 months ago. The purpose was "to increase community awareness" and to generate support for the hospital's 100-bed expansion program.

"St. Peter's has never had a special event," explained Hall. The success of the wheelathon, she reported later, "was beyond our expectations. Money is still pouring in."

Born in Toronto, Hall trained as a nurse. She has worked as executive assistant in a chain of private medical laboratories, conducted feasiblility studies in breast cancer detection clinics, worked in health-related marketing research and for the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Her present job is "very exciting." Her eyes shine with pride as she leads the way through the hospital's new wing and describes its many services.

It is also evident from the way she stops to greet patients and to chat with them that she has a warm personal rapport with them. It's the same pride and warmth with which she speaks of her grandmother Becky Gola, "a dynamic lady" of 89 who only last year gave up her volunteer work at Baycrest in Toronto because it was becoming a bit too much.

St. Peter's is the region's only hospital specializing in geriatric care. It is a modern, 284-bed chronic care geriatric hospital with day facilities and a wide range of professional services.

Hall has already established a number of new fund raising programs but the main focus of her campaign will be the eventual replacement of the hospital's original wing with a bright and modern addition.

She comes by her fund raising talents honestly. Her mother, Gertrude Rohr, was recently honored by Toronto ORT for her outstanding contribution as a fund raiser. And Hall herself has always been a willing and keen canvasser and team captain for UJA, and is a member of Temple Anshe Sholom and Deborah Sisterhood.

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More available in north and south, says Tehilla head

High tech area termed best bet for new olim

By
SHAYLA GUNTER

TORONTO —

There are more jobs in engineering, high tech, computers and teaching in the north and south than in central areas of Israel, says Itzhak Tevet, world director of Tehilla, the Union for Religious Aliya.

Tevet was in Toronto recently to discuss job opportunities with prospective Canadian olim.

He said salaries are higher in high tech and the private sector, averaging 1,500 shekels per month, compared with the government sector where the average is 600-700 per month.

Social and community workers are needed, but the pay is low and Tevet said he hopes it is only a matter of time before the government realizes the seriousness of the problem and acts quickly to alleviate it.

Itzhak Tevet

"One of the easiest ways to get work in Israel is to have an employer request your services, and chances are better in professions which are not in abundance," he said. Generally speaking for new immigrants, finding a job in Israel takes some hard work and tremendous motivation, the Tehilla director added.

There's a need for teachers, and the government has a special unit for olim in education. English and mathematics teachers are the most in demand. There are also special courses given by the ministry of labor to train olim.

In the trades, Tevet said, there are very good opportunities in plumbing, satisfactory chances in carpentry and signs of an oncoming boom in construction.

Tevet recommended against starting, opening or becoming a partner in a business in one's first year in Israel. He suggested working for someone first, and looking around for a while. Later, depending on will and ability, invest money and try things on your own.

The most important thing to remember is that "the possibility of finding a job is there," Tevet said.

"Sometimes it takes time, sometimes it takes patience. But you must have pride in yourself. You must have the confidence to succeed."

He said that number one on the agenda of questions asked by prospective immigrants to Israel is "what kind of work is available for me, and can I make a decent living there?"

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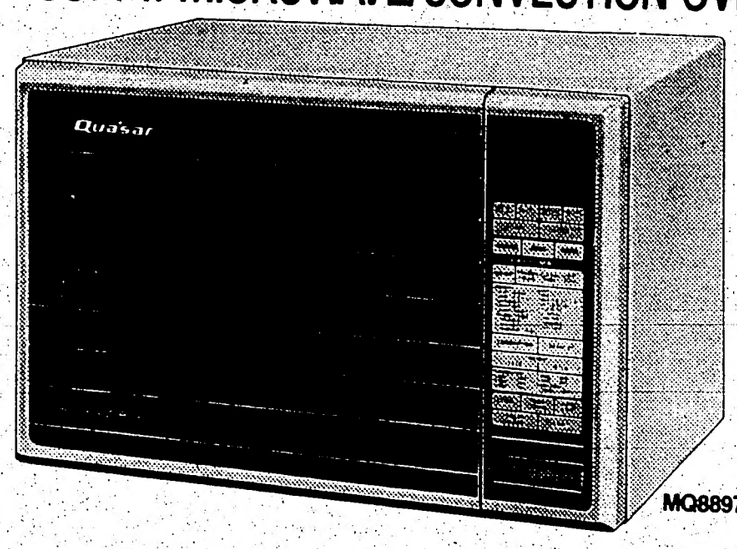

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The Canadian Jew and the State of Israel: Explorations in Canadian Jewish Writing

By Rachel Feldhay Brenner

THE spectre of powerlessness has haunted the Canadian Jew. The traumas of the officially promulgated anti-semitism in Canada in the 1930s and the 1940s and the concurrently evolving horror of Jewish annihilation in Europe have instilled a sense of insecurity into the Jewish community. Even today, Canadian Jews continue to perceive themselves weak and vulnerable. Despite Canada's strong commitment to the ideal of racial equality and the degree of financial comfort and social recognition that Canadian Jews have achieved, the self-image of a powerless, perennially endangered minority group has not disappeared.

The lingering feelings of uncertainty and mistrust have evoked considerable concern in the community itself. Recently, prominent community leaders have discussed the effects of such negative self-image on Jewish interaction with Canadian society. Rabbi Dow Marmur, in his CJC Plenary address, urged Canadian Jewry to acknowledge its privileged status. As important members of society, Canadian Jews should become involved openly and courageously in the social and political issues that preoccupy Canada today. (*Viewpoints,* Sept. 86) Prof. Irving Abella, in his response to the Zundel and Keegstra trials, criticizes the implicit undertone of hesitation and anxiety in the Jewish reaction to racial hatemongers. Nowadays, he claims, Jews in Canada have "the talent and the clout . . . the political and economic power" to oppose vigorously any infringement on their rights. (*Viewpoints,* Oct. 86).

Both speakers reiterate the utmost significance of the State of Israel as a mainstay of support for the Canadian Jew. The welfare of Israel and the well-being of Canadian Jewry have become interdependent; Israel's existence has had a direct impact on the unprecedented security of Canadian Jewry. Jewish authoritative action — whether participation in general areas of social concern, or prevention of anti-semitic danger — is bound to be predicated on the consciousness of Jewish self-assertion embodied in the State of Israel.

The claim that the Jewish State has restored dignity and self-confidence to the Jewish people in Diaspora has become commonplace. Why, then, should the Canadian Jewish community need to be reasssured about its secure status and, at the same time, reminded of the vitality of its bonds with Israel? Does the convergence of these issues reveal a degree of ambivalence toward Israel which may have resulted in a pervasive sense of weakness and insecurity?

Montreal Jewish Writers Reflect Conflict Of Identity

I believe that these questions will not surprise the reader of Canadian Jewish literature. Significant novelists and poets, such as A.M. Klein, Mordecai Richler, Irving Layton and Leonard Cohen have repeatedly scrutinized the image of the Canadian Jew. These writers grew up in Montreal and experienced anti-semitic hostility in the 1930s and the 1940s; they witnessed the Holocaust and the birth of the Jewish State. Thus, their work focuses, to a considerable extent, on the response of the Canadian Jew to the recent history of Jewish persecution and Jewish independence. Apart from their remarkable aesthetic achievements, the Montreal writers have presented in their work

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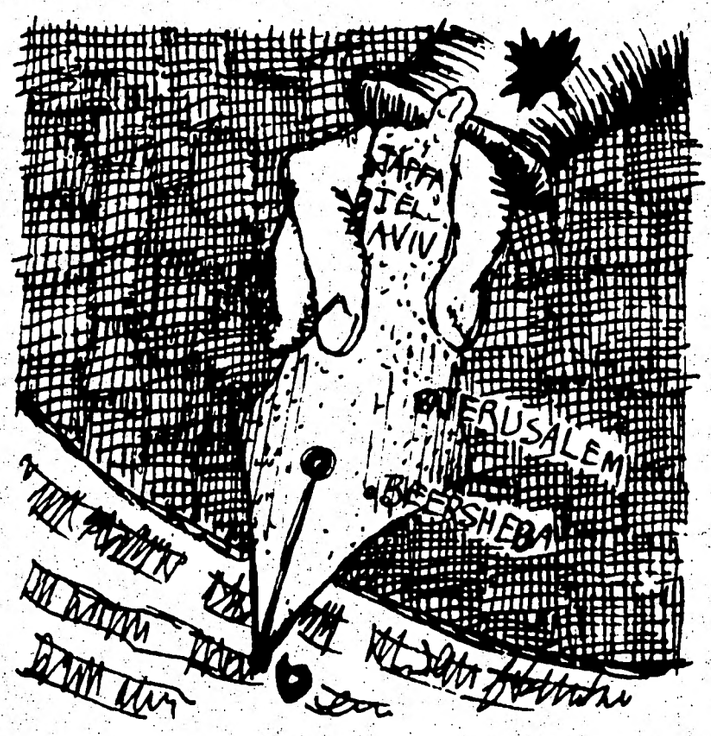

extremely important insights into the emotional and ideological predicament of the Canadian Jew in the post-Holocaust world. An exploration of certain literary patterns may elucidate the sense of Jewish powerlessness in Canadian society.

Invariably, the issue of conflicted Jewish identity surfaces in the work of the Montreal writers. Imbued with the consciousness of Jewish victimization in Europe and his own experience of racial discrimination, the Canadian Jew wishes to escape further suffering. The establishment of the Jewish State and especially its history of military victories, have set the example of powerful acts of self-assertion, straightforward and often violent confrontations with those who threaten Jewish safety and freedom. At the same time, the prevailing concept of liberal humanism promotes the principle of brotherly cooperation among nations in building a better world. The Jew is seen to be moving within the spectrum of two mutually exclusive options: a powerful national system operating primarily in the interests of Jewish independence as opposed to a universal system striving to guarantee freedom and protection for humanity at large. Identification with the former leads toward ideological and emotional withdrawal from Gentile society, while adherence to the latter indicates a powerful wish to integrate into the Gentile world.

Only A.M. Klein succeeds, to some extent, in reconciling these polarized notions. In his editorials in *Canadian Jewish Chronicle,* Klein submits that the ideals of liberty and democracy can survive only if the liberal world makes amends to the Jewish people in the wake of the Holocaust. In the name of universal justice, he urges the free nations to declare Palestine to be the Jewish Homeland. The Jewish state is necessary as a place of refuge for the surviving victims of the tragedy; yet, its establishment fulfils an even larger need: to validate the humanist ideal of justice for all. Thus, in Klein's perspective, the State of Israel not only legitimizes the position of the Jewish people as a member of "the family of nations", entitled to "a seat in the councils of the world", but it also becomes the emblem of universal humanism.

Klein rejoices in the fulfilment of the prophetic vision of Ingathering of Exiles. *The Second Scroll* (1951), Klein's novel based on his visit to the newly born State of Israel, contains eloquent praise of the revival of Jewish religion and the Hebrew language. Yet, as Miriam Waddington observes, the novel's "theme turns out to be secular and humanist"; the rebirth of Israel is seen as an antidote to man's recent horrible outburst of bestiality.

To Klein, the reaffirmation of the Jewish right to the land of Israel is rooted in the humanist concept of universal justice to which both Jews and Gentiles ought to subscribe. Jewish self-sufficiency and independence is acknowledged only in the context of liberalism. Klein manages to reconcile the notions of Jewish national particularism and liberal universalism by virtually ignoring the issues of Israel's military tactics of self-defence and its isolation on the political scene.

Unfortunately, history has not confirmed Klein's idealistic vision of a world governed by the tenets of liberal humanism. In the years following its establishment, the Jewish State has been forced, time and again, to fight for its survival. The messianic vision of redemption could no longer contain and reconcile the disparity between the ideal of universal justice and the repeated attempts to destroy the Jewish State. For the Canadian Jew, the precariousness of Israel's existence has become a reminder of his own recently experienced discrimination and the tragedy of European Jewry, while the liberal condemnation of Israel's "self-serving" politics of power has enhanced his sense of isolation in society at large. Thus, the need of the Diaspora Jew to determine his own position in Gentile society is manifest in the problematic relationship with the State of Israel.

Richler's Ambivalence Toward Israel

Richler, Layton and Cohen demonstrate similar patterns of conflicting attitudes toward Israel: Israel's defiant self-assertion is either enthusiastically espoused as effective defence against the hostile world, or repudiated as severe transgression against humanity, comparable to crimes committed by anti-semites.

Recalling the celebration of the 1947 Partition Plan UN approval, Richler describes the defiant march of the Montreal Habonim group to "the heart of the city". Overwhelmed with joy and pride, the members of the group conspicuously show their support of Zionism "waving Israeli flags . . . dancing hora in the middle of the street", chanting " 'Who am I?' 'Yisroel'. 'Who are you?' 'Yisroel'. 'All of us?' 'Yisroel' ". Clearly, the emerging consciousness of independence brought forth by the birth of the State, enabled the Montreal Jews to assert proudly their identity in their own environment.

The stance of powerful self-determination, however, cannot be reconciled with the position of a liberal moralist. As a humanist, Richler deplores Israel's failure to live up to the ideal of universal justice. In his 1962 "Israeli Journal", he sees in Israel's treatment of its Arab population the same kind of injustice that anti-semites have inflicted upon Jews during hundreds of years of persecution. In an ironic role reversal, he distances himself from

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Editor's Notebook

IN this issue our focus is on recent Canadian Jewish writing — somewhat neglected of late in these pages, but nevertheless still burgeoning mightily throughout the land.

We lead off with a subtle analysis by Rachel Feldhay Brenner of the work of several of our best known writers with a view to discovering their inner attitudes toward their own Jewish identity, to historical Jewish powerlessness, and to the birth of the Jewish state. The fact that the single word that sums up the various attitudes to these questions is "ambivalence" underlines the complexity of the emotions engendered by the miraculous appearance of a strong and proud Israel on the world scene.

Miriam Packer and Barnett Singer are two promising younger writers, whose short stories are featured. While Packer's protagonist, Max, is a successful psychiatrist, and Singer's Uncle Meyer is "the family failure", the keen-eyed realism, tinged with compassion, with which both characters are portrayed, is remarkably similar in both stories — and characteristically Jewish.

To mark the occasion of the award to Miriam Waddington of the I.J. Segal Literary Prize for 1987, we thought it appropriate to publish some of her poetry.

Eugene and Rhoda Kaellis have appeared frequently in these pages. Their present offering is a demonstration of their knowledge both of Jewish tradition and the recent discoveries of evolutionary science. They blend these two disciplines to produce a new perspective on the role of Eve in the early chapters of Genesis. They make the case that instead of the accepted view of Eve as the Temptress, she should be seen as having contributed to the full humanization of man.

My own article on the Judeo-Christian tradition deals with a subject that has been thoroughly mined by previous writers. Nonetheless I venture to hope that the reader will find in it new insights that are relevant to the latest developments in interfaith activities.

EXPLORATIONS

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the powerful Israeli and identifies with the Arab "underdog". Richler claims that his affinity with the Arab is based upon the common experience of racial intolerance and socially inferior status that the Arab has endured in Israel, and Richler has suffered in Montreal.

Then, another ironic modification in Richler's position takes place in 1967. His view of the Israeli victory stands in complete contradiction to his humanitarian appeals for Palestinian and Arab rights. Richler lashes out at "the humanitarian conscience of the left" and the view of "the Israelis...as something like Nazi conquerors themselves". Arguments based on humanist universalism are swept aside as the writer expresses tremendous pride in Israel's military prowess. Furthermore, he perceives Israel as the potential deterrent of another Holocaust. Israel's ability to defend itself "offers...assurance that, should they be required, there would now be planes to spare to destroy the railway heads leading into the extermination camps". The allusion to the refusal of the Allies to bomb the railroads to concentration camps reveals profound mistrust of the liberal world which failed to respond to the Jewish plight in the Holocaust. In contrast, Israel is a trustworthy defender of Jews wherever they are. Liberal ideals seem to lose their impact when the question of Jewish survival arises.

A few years later, this positive view of Israel's potency is questioned by Richler's protagonist in *St. Urbain's Horseman* (1971). In the crucial days prior to the outbreak of the war, Jake Hersh is consumed by anxiety about Israel's survival. He even plans to volunteer to fight in Israel. In the wake of the war, however, Israel suddenly appears to be the oppressor, and its soldiers are seen as violators of civilized humanitarian conduct among nations. Once the danger of another Jewish tragedy is removed, the sympathy of the liberal shifts to the oppressor who appears to have become the victim.

Layton Critizes 1967 Victory

In the role of a humanist liberal, Layton presents similar criticism of Israel's 1967 victory. He sees "an Israeli as a Jew stripped of all his gentile friends and even as an ungoostepping Prussian". As an agressor, Israel has set itself apart from the family of enlightened nations, and as such the Zionist State is not fit to fulfil the role of the Jewish Homeland. In fact, Israel has become "too much of an anticlimax...to the messianic mission" of the Jewish people. Based on the same liberal pacifist premise as Klein's, Layton's view reflects the vision of Israel as the humanist centre of the world.

In the diary of his 1968 tour in Israel in *Taking Sides*, Layton clearly takes the side of the Arab. Like Richler, he launches a major attack against Israel's treatment of its Arab population. In the account of his interview with the mayor of a Druse village in Israel, Layton emphasizes the humanist approach of the Arab toward the question of the minorities' right to self-determination. The mayor's friendly and supportive attitude towards the Jewish State implies an indictment of Israel for having failed to establish friendly relationships with the Arabs.

While Richler sees himself as "the loser's advocate", Layton appoints himself an impartial teacher of humanity. Everybody is susceptible to wickedness, Jews and Gentiles alike. Therefore, man has to be taught how to overcome his natural proclivity to evil. Despite the fact that some members of his family perished in the Holocaust, Layton, the humanist poet-prophet, preaches reconciliation with the past and continuation "along the road indicated to us by the Enlightenment even though it has led us through the fires of Bergen-Belsen and Hiroshima".

However, on the pole of identification with Israel, Layton becomes the "passionate" descendant of the potent "arrogant men", "the sultry prophets", Ezekiel and Jeremiah. As such, Layton wholeheartedly supports the image of Jewish strength represented by the State of Israel. He dismisses the precepts of tolerance and forgiveness as reflections of helplesness and impotence. As a teacher of the new way of life to the Diaspora Jew, he tells his sons to "be gunners in the Israeli Air Force".

The image of the Israeli fighter presents a guarantee of Jewish self-defence in case of another Holocaust. Like Richler, Layton sees the victory of 1967 as a definite assurance that the situation of the Holocaust will not be repeated. In total contrast to the humanist ideals of pacifism, Layton supports and, indeed, encourages Israel's self-defence. Jews will never again act as "tamed bears/toothless tigers/caged lions" as they did behind the ghetto gates "in Warsaw circa 1941". They will not remain passive, but rather follow the example of the Israelis who forged a new Jewish identity in "June 1967/in Tel Aviv and Sinai".

Cohen's Dialectic: Universalism vs Particularism.

Cohen's poetry reveals similar dialectic of universal humanism and Jewish self-assertive particularism. As a moralist, Cohen adopts the nihilistic view of man's proclivity to evil. Like Layton and Richler, he feels that every human being is capable of committing acts of brutality. He carries this notion even further, ruling out the possibility of the world's moral rebirth. Cohen's dark picture of the world is opposed to the humanistic expectation of mankind working together for a better future. Michael Ondaatje observes that Cohen's notion of evil communicates that "we all carry our own private hitlers". This nihilistic world view enables Cohen to disengage himself from the notion of the particularity of Jewish suffering. The impact of the Holocaust as an act of genocide directed especially against the Jewish people is dissolved in the vision of universal evil. All men are equally guilty of the recent horror in a society where every individual has become a potential tyrant.

In his attempt to liberate himself from the burden of Jewish history and tradition, Cohen reiterates his emotional withdrawal from identification with any religious tradition. The poem "Let Us Compare Mythologies" presents a dismissive attitude towards all religions; it stresses the ironic futility of human suffering inflicted in the name of superficial religious symbols. In the poem "I Have Not Lingered in European Monasteries", Cohen manifests an equal indifference to his people's suffering and to the suffering of the Christians.

Yet, despite the predominant wish to distance himself from Jewish suffering, the importance of Israel's military power as a safeguard against another attempt to destroy the Jewish people emerges in Cohen's work. The narrator in 'Lines From My Grandfather's Journal" does not "thrill to the sight of Jewish battalions". Nevertheless, he admits that the Israeli soldiers "in a white Tel Aviv street" constitute "an answer to the ovens". And despite his humanist abhorrence of militarism, Cohen knows, as the other writers do, that "there is only one choice between ghettos and battalions, between whips and the weariest patriotic arrogance..."

Jewish Vulnerability In Post-Holocaust World

Canadian Jewish writing presents a consistent perspective of Jewish vulnerability in the post-Holocaust world. The irreconcilable disparity between liberal universalism and the emotional need for personal reassurance emphasizes the distance between the Canadian Jew and society at large. The State of Israel has placed the Diaspora Jew in an ambivalent position: the transference of the dream of Jewish independence into the sphere of reality has enabled the Canadian Jew to subscribe openly and freely to the ideals of equality and justice; at the same time, Israel's perennial struggle against the hostile world has undermined the validity of these ideals. The spectre of powerlessness that haunts the Canadian Jew seems to arise from the reluctant realization that the right of the Jewish people to sovereignty and independence cannot be achieved through adherence to the humanist ideal of universal justice.

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FICTION

Trivial Pursuit

by Miriam Packer

MAX plays Trivial Pursuit with Samantha while he waits for Ellen to get dressed for the annual Christmas party at the hospital. Samantha stuns him. She's changing so quickly these days, turning into a beautiful young girl. Her eyes and lashes are dark and full, and she moves with the sensuous grace of a grown-up woman though she's only twelve.

"Daddy, don't look so glum," Samantha says as she asks him a question about the outstanding sex symbol of the fifties. "Three choices, Daddy. Now, concentrate. Are you depressed or something? Now look, Daddy. You must have been been watching lots of movies in those days, and you must have been interested in sex. Right? Now," she pauses, "who was the sexiest actress on screen in the fifties, in your opinion?"

Maxie is about to tell Samantha that he spent most of his time studying in the fifties, squinting at books into the wee hours, with Ma bringing in tea and lemon to warm him up, when Ellen walks into the den.

"Oh, Mommy!" Samantha squeals, "You look delicious. Alright!" Samantha claps her hands with adolescent enthusiasm.

Ellen's wearing an African outfit, the slacks tied trimly at the ankles, the top flowing loose and colourful. She's got a headband on her hair that makes her look primitively off beat. Ellen looks as enthusiastic about the outfit as Samantha is. Mother and daughter stand before him, waiting for his inevitable approval.

"Ellen, you've got to be kidding," Max says, "We're going to a staff party."

Ellen doesn't stop smiling. She turns around in front of Max, showing herself off.

Max hesitates. "Ellen . . . why not wear one of those sleek black dresses or that white cashmere suit?"

"Oh don't be such a stuffed shirt, Daddy," Samantha says sternly. "Mommy's not old. And I think she looks very sexy."

"Ellen." Max ignores Samantha. "That's a little loud, sweetheart. Don't you think?"

Samantha wails. "Oh, Daddy, don't be gross. In case you don't know, that happens to be one of the most 'in' things out this year."

Max tells Samantha to stay out of this.

"I'm going to wear it, Max," Ellen insists. "Samantha's right. Your assessment of proper style is — and I quote — 'gross.' " She giggles, girlishly triumphant.

Max knows when he's defeated. On the way to the party, he expects to see Ellen looking a bit apprehensive about her outfit, but when he glances at her in the car, she's smiling happily, confident and content.

The party is arranged in clusters; no one dares venture out of his own departmental territory at the start. Max and Ellen find themselves in the psychiatry corner, with drinks in their hands.

Dr. Salinski, who's always got food stains on his clothes at work, has already slopped some orange punch on his tie. He's talking happily about dreams.

"Yah, yah. Many people dream from amputation, Yah." He grins. "Ees fear to loose hands and feet. Yah."

Ulman, who has managed to get quite drunk already, and is being watched over by a nervous wife with a steady twitch in her right eye, objects.

"Boris!" He nudges Salinski. "Tell me this! Why hands and feet? Why not balls, Boris? That's what I'm scared of losing, for God's sake."

Salinski reddens; there are ladies around. "Ach, yah, Jack. Eees testicles too." He chuckles.

"See?" Ulman says loudly to his wife. "Everyone's scared of losing their balls. I told you, Gloria."

Ulman's wife starts choking on punch, and Ulman slaps her back absent-mindedly while he continues to talk about dreams.

Burtman, one of the younger guys in psychiatry who usually doesn't talk much, intervenes. "Hell, Jack — dream analysis is much more subtle than that."

Ulman's voice is loud.

"There's nothing subtle about it. It's always related to balls." He waves his hands emphatically. "Well . . . aren't I right? Max! You're the most experienced around here! What do you think?"

"I think your wife's choking, Jack," Max says. "Get her a piece of hard bread to chew on."

Ulman massages his wife's shoulder lamely. "Easy, Gloria, easy," he says, while Ellen brings a canape for Gloria Ulman to chew on.

Gloria chews and swallows. Her coughing subsides, and her colour returns to normal.

"My patients don't even dream," Ulman says aggressively. "If the truth be told, I think this dream stuff is a bunch of baloney. Freud was crazy, if you ask me."

By now, the group has expanded and broken into smaller units. Ellen is talking with Salinski and one of the psychologists. Ulman's got his arm around a social worker's waist, while his wife stands by nervously.

Max is trapped with the two big nurses, Rip and Louise. They're talking a little drunkenly about sexual promiscuity. "It's that damned herpes that ruins things," Rip howls, "and AIDS, for God Sake. I mean, otherwise what have you got to lose? But these days you get all choked up at the sign of a cold sore. My girlfriend and I used to go down to Jamaica every winter. Had us a blast, but now, hell, you want to check health certificates first, you know?" She roars again, swallows more punch.

It's all getting too personal for Max; he doesn't want to know about their sexual habits, and he can tell they're getting drunk enough to start asking him personal questions.

He excuses himself and goes over to join the Baxter group. All the biggies are here; Dr. Ratfield, Dr. Axter, Dr. Morrison, and Dr. Sween. The old guard. Max never knows what to say to them when he meets them in the hospital; they make him feel clumsy. Yet he's pushed his way over here — 'cause he knows this is where he ought to be. He wants to make some sort of professional impression tonight.

He turns to Charles Ratfield, physician-in-chief. "You know, Charles . . . I've been meaning to talk to you about this for quite some time. The psychiatry department could really benefit from the input of a few interns. It would upgrade the general morale of the staff. I . . ."

Ratfield smiles wisely, and interrupts. "I'll tell you, Max. This isn't the best place to talk shop." He looks around the room. "Haven't seen your lovely wife this evening. Do you remember Mrs. Rabin, Margaret?" He asks his wife. "Alice McDowell's daughter. We were neighbours, you know, Max. I remember Ellen's father well. We used to golf together way back." He pauses. "How are the children, Max?"

"Fine," Max answers lamely. He feels cut off. Gimpel the Fool. Out of place. Talking business when he should be exchanging pleasantries. Cut right down to size. Socially inappropriate. Talking business — when the thing to do was be gracious and easy-going. Ratfield just put him in his place.

He backs out with the excuse of getting himself another drink. To hell with the old uptight bastards, he thinks. I'll join the younger group, some of the Emergency crew and the younger G.P.'s. Max wanders over to the center of the room where there's a lot of laughter, but his heart's not in it. This isn't where he wants to be either. Ellen's with a group of social workers, involved in animated discussion.

"Maxie!" A tall dark-haired woman with shining eyes puts her hand on his arm.

He doesn't recognize her. "I'm sorry . . . I can't exactly place you. Occupational therapy, is it?"

"Yes . . . I'm a new student here, but we go back much further than that, Maxie." She smiles. "Don't you remember — the stone age?"

"The stone age?" Max laughs, "now, what would that be? the John Evanson?" He laughs again.

"No . . . earlier than that. High school. The music club. Third seat from the door."

"No kidding." How could he have missed her? There were two girls he dreamed about in high school — gigglers with pony tails — both out of his reach. And neither of them in the music club. The music club was for losers — those who wanted to get out of the embarrassment of gym class. Like him — the shortest guy in the class who ducked when the basketball came at him. 'Sign up for the music club,' Hank told him, 'and you'll get out of gym.'

She giggles. "I was horrified about getting into those knickers the girls had to wear to gym class. What's your excuse?"

"I had a deep-rooted love for the arts." He grins. "I was a klutz."

"I didn't think so. I always thought you were adorable. In fact, I always hoped you'd ask me to one of the dances."

"You're doing terrible things to me," he smiles at her. "What's your name?"

"Third seat . . ."

"From the door, I know . . ." He's thinking hard. Scared of getting into gym shorts. Who the hell would she be? "Jesus, you're Rebecca!" A pudgo in those days, about fifty pounds overweight. Off in the corner by herself. Painfully shy. "You're gorgeous, Rebecca."

She laughs out loud. "And you're shocked!"

"No . . . well, yes. I am surprised. Pleasantly, though. Really!"

"Well, thanks . . . You looked quite unhappy yourself in those days, you know. I always thought you looked kind of lost."

"I was, actually. Nervous about doing well. God, we all worried so much about making it in those days."

"And did you, finally?"

"Yeah," Max has to think. "I suppose I did. I shouldn't complain."

"But you do?"

"Sometimes . . . in the dark of night." He smiles at her. "How about you, Rebecca? Besides looking beautiful?"

"I'm happy . . . even in the dark of night." She laughs. "I'm an O.T. student here. Late bloomer, you know, but I went back to school and did it. Actually, my husband knows you. Gerald Borsuck from your graduating class."

"Gerald? No kidding, I haven't seen him for years. How's he doing?"

"Really great. He would have been here tonight but he's at a conference out of town. You know he's opened a private clinic, don't you?"

"Yes, I heard something about that. Is it working for him?"

"Oh, yes, it really is. He's got two psychiatric social workers on his staff now, and a creative animator." She's enthusiastic. "He's enjoying psychiatry more than he ever has. He was getting to feel so stale."

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As Rebecca goes on about her husband's clinic, Max is remembering Gerald Borsuck. An easy-going guy in med school, nice enough, but never very imaginative. A loner, more or less. He can't imagine how Borsuck got up the nerve to be running a clinic like that. Maybe Rebecca gives him the energy he needs.

"Want to dance, Max?" Rebecca asks. "They're playing a Billie Holiday tune."

"Sure. We'll catch up on the high school dance we didn't get to go to together."

They dance close to each other, while the band lulls them with its rich soft tones. Max's face is warm. He feels nostalgic and strangely exhilarated.

Borsuck and his private clinic. How about that? There's hope yet. If Borsuck can do something new, so can he.

Rebecca in high school. The only girl he had ever felt sorry for. Silent and sad. Self-effacing.

Bundled up in a long cardigan in an unsuccessful attempt to hide her huge hips. One of the doomed ones in those days. One of the ones who would never score. Transformed into a ravishing happy woman before his eyes. He inhales the scent of her hair. Time has been good to her. Time can be good.

He's lightheaded, his head caught up in memories, as he jitterbugs with Rebecca.

They're both sweaty after the next number. "Let's drink, Rebecca."

"Love to." She holds her glass up. "I've had a lovely time tonight, Maxie."

"So did I. And you know something? The evening promised to be quite a downer, for me."

"I've got to leave soon, Max. But I want you to bring your wife to dinner one night."

"Yeah!" He's feeling generous. "I want you to meet Ellen!" He scans the room. "Oh there she is — dancing with Salinski."

Rebecca kisses him wetly on the cheek. "Another time, then. When Gerald gets back, you'll join us for dinner. Promise?"

"Promise, Rebecca."

Ellen drives on the way home. Max has had about three too many.

"Are you feeling okay, Max?" Ellen asks.

"I'll live. . ."

"Who was that woman?"

"A girl from my high school class."

"Goodness, she looks so young." Ellen sounds amazed.

"She's Gerald Borsuck's wife."

"Who?"

"Borsuck from my graduating class. You know what he's done, Ellen? He started his own private clinic, and he's doing great. I mean, he's actually trying all sorts of new techniques, Ellen. I'd like to try something new for a change."

Ellen straightens up in her seat. He voice sounds strained. "Why don't you do it then, Max?"

"Do what?" Max mutters.

"Try something new. Start thinking about opening a clinic maybe. Cut down on your hospital work. Start giving some papers again at a few psychiatric conventions. . ."

Max cut her off: "I can't do anything like that. I've got responsibilities."

"Hogwash," Ellen says abruptly. She turns onto the corner of The Boulevard much too speedily, clipping the curb with her front right tire.

"Hogwash? I've never heard you use that word," Max says soberly. It's the kind of expression the aggressive nurses might use, he thinks.

Ellen ignores the comments. "You can do anything you want to do, Max. Anything. If you want to do it, you can definitively do it."

Max examines her profile. She looks angry and rigid, outraged.

"You can do any damned thing you choose to do, Maxie," she repeats. "You know that."

Max watches her in the dark car. He remembers now that's exactly what she said to him when he was twenty-six, the year he was choosing his specialty, and he voiced his fear to her. "You can do anything you want to do Maxie," she had said then, "believe me."

Then, it had an urging affectionate sound. Now it sounds like a sarcastic sneer.

They're in the driveway. The green light from the dash is the only light there is. Ellen turns off the key.

"One of these days, you'll blow my tires with those turns, Ellen. They're low already."

Ellen sighs as she gets out of her side of the car.

POEMS

by Miriam Waddington

The I.J. Segal Literary Prize for 1987 was recently awarded to Miriam Waddington for her Collected Poems *published by Oxford University Press. The prize was granted to her in appreciation for her outstanding career in the world of modern letters. The Awards Committee, in its testimonial, said:*

"That career is first and foremost the vocation of poet and the poet's intense involvement with language. Each volume of her poems gives evidence of a lyricism both delicate and forceful, combining in an often radiant manner two contrary elements: a confessional revelation of the inner subjective self, and a firm and unsentimental grasp of the realities of this world. In her poems the reader is given access to the mediating mind of the poet, caught in the act of contemplating the sources of her musings, so that the poetic act is shared and the reader is able to identify with the captured moment."

We congratulate Miriam Waddington on the occasion and offer a few of her "captured moments".

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WOMEN

For a thousand years
in a thousand cities
we have lived in
images dreamed by
others, we have been
lamp-lighters in houses,
bulb-changers in
apartments, spinners
of wool in tents, weavers
of linen in cottages,
and foreladies of
nylon in factories.

We were always
the floor-washers and
the jam-makers the
child-bearers and
the lullaby-singers,
yet our namelessness
was everywhere and
our names were written
always in wind, posted
only on air.

Now the winds blow
old images off the
mind's pages and we
are no more the face
in the picture but
the hand making the
picture, we are no more
the watery song above
the wind's waters but
the source of the waters
flowing back to the waters.

Our voices have healed
from the fever of silence,
they bring from the waters
the health of the morning,
we are mapping adventures
by the light of the future.

We are carving our names
in time's forest of stone.

POLEMICS

I am not interested
in the polemics of art
you can keep your cosmic
gossip I don't care if
poetry is dying if the
language is debased if
you stuff people's ears
with bananas and their
mouths with dead elm
trees; to hell with style!
I'm in favour of living
I reject dying while
I'm still alive I don't
want to analyse the process
of how we disappear from
the world; I care only
how we appear; I want
to build apparitions
a million monuments
to the future completely
uncool, to shout from
the rooftops: *history*
is not so fleeting!
There were heroes, wars
were halted, men were
healed, children were
born, people sang,
worlds were changed;
I don't want to be ashamed
of the word *courage* or
choke on the word *love*
or deny the category
of being human any more;
I want to say *brother* and
see when I close my eyes
not ploughs of riot or
fields of burning people
or the bones of smoking
cities: I want to see
vistas of all that is
being made impossible —
civilization.

THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM

Other years Hannah
the woman who cleans
offices in Jerusalem
cursed the white sun
of Jerusalem because
it was not the green
sun of her village
in Poland.

This year that same
Hannah has something
to curse about; she
curses the Egyptians
and Assyrians who
killed the son she
brought to Jerusalem
from her village
in Poland.

And at dawn this year
the cats of Jerusalem
don't come any more
to the steps of the
post office to wait
for morning and the
charwomen to come
to work and feed them.

This year
even the cats know
there are too many
enemies.

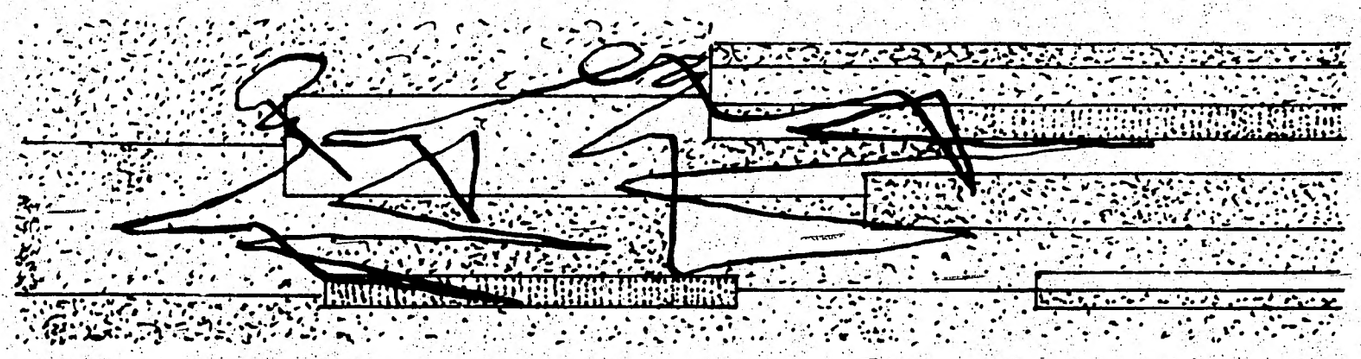
TWO TREES

We all know
the tree of life
its tassels and
flowers,
its strong root
that sings and burns
in the centre
of everything.

But what of
the tree of death
that has been waiting
all winter,
waiting and sleeping,
sleeping and waiting,
in the centre
of everything?

In spring
it will burst
from a richness of
leaves
they will whisper
and sing: *come*
come, come.

They will whisper
and sing,
whisper and wait,
then cover us all
with their rich
dark shade
in the centre
of everything.



Portrait of the Family Failure

by Barnett Singer

HE was the family failure. Uncle Meyer was a short, bald individual with largish nose and watery greenish-blue eyes, very kind but loquacious, not always logical, and in much need of attention. At supper time he would call our house — for this attention. My father, his brother, was the successful one — with family, professional career, well-to-do friends, and a real Ricky Nelson sort of house. Until his fifties Meyer lived with his mother in an older house and less desirable area, and his job would springboard him to no golf clubs or Florida vacations. His sisters and brother had married and had kids, he had not. He was destined all his life to be "Uncle Meyer", as though born to it. To be the patronized failure.

He was, however, a good uncle — kindly, and only a little weird to us kids. (We were less suspicious of eccentricity in those days. There were no armadas of social workers ready to analyze it to death.) Meyer would show up after trips to Honest Ed's with cut-rate razor blades, aftershave, and other such goodies, and he'd dump them on us. When I was four or five he gave me a lesson in shaving and I managed to cut myself, provoking my mother's screams. Shaving seemed to be one of his obsessions. He also loved to smell our hair, exulting: "You must put manure on that hair. It smells so good!" He was sensual, an amateur musician, and Friday nights when we'd arrive he'd be "shcrubbying" away on his violin — the neologism my mom's. He'd be rapt and into it; finally at our umpteeth request he'd break into something recognizable like "Jingle Bells".

Continually he was being yelled at by more successful members of the family (meaning everyone). With the watery eyes and quaking voice he'd try to fight back and would often say the wrong thing. At seders he'd sputter to those who put him down things like: "You're a *German*, Sid! I know — you're a German." Or: "You're full of dialectical materialism, Lily." He must have picked up the Marxian phrase downtown in the 1930s. I'm sure he had no clue what it actually meant. Everyone in the family thought him more than a few bricks short of the proverbial load.

Before marrying in his fifties, after the death of his mother, did he have a "sex life"? Who knew? In one argument with my dad I remember Meyer saying that *he* knew nature — yes, he'd known for a long time what it was. He had a succession of shadowy, short-lived love interests — Myrtles, Sadies, etc. One he courted with real interest, and I remember she arrived at the shiva of his father, a previous family failure Meyer somewhat resembled. That father was an old-country peddler, more interested in Torah than capitalism. He was often disgruntled, knew little English. As a peddler he had once stopped to eat his ragged lunch on the lawn of some goyische lady and she had apparently said to him: "You a mess!" Arriving home, he had asked my father to translate the phrase into Yiddish for him. My father hadn't the heart.

Anyway, Meyer was at the shiva for this father who had never caught on to life in North America, and he had one of his plump love interests with him — her name would come if I dug; something like Sadie would do — and my father snapped at him that he should offer her some tea and cake. Dutifully he went up and asked, then came back to my father — filial, put-upon — and in a strong voice informed him (and everyone else in the room): "She says she doesn't want!" He lost her soon after.

Job-wise, he worked first for Tip Top Tailors, then for the Department of Highways as a bureaucrat. When we sped to the golf club summer mornings to swim and pamper our growing little North American bodies, we would cry out: "There's Uncle Meyer's building!" That became an often-repeated family joke. My father and Meyer would have great arguments about their respective vocations. Meyer would insist that his was far more than just pencil-pushing and paper-shuffling but my father would cut him off: "I do more in my office in one day than you do in a year, Meyer!" And Meyer, with those watery, slightly loony eyes, that rheumy look, and the broken, plugged nose (a divided septum, he would explain), sputtered back, again without much apparent logic: "You doctors and dentists use Latin to confuse us, that's all. It's all Latin!" Meyer had never had a university education and was showing his envy.

But he read voluminously. He would lug home books from the public library, including many biographies of heroes like Beethoven or Mozart (this before *Amadeus* brought the latter into the mainstream). He would try to interest my parents or uncles and aunts in this reading matter, but they would have none of it. He would repeat Gordon Sinclair's latest opinion or try to read us a letter he'd penned to the mayor; again, it was no go. He would always phone at supper with a pretext; we were coached to say that my father was eating or lying down and that he would phone back, but Meyer would insist that it was important, and of course it never was; *he* wasn't!

Saturday mornings he frequently came over and prayed at our schul, then came to the house and ate a large lunch, carefully reading the *Globe* (he took the *Star*). After that, he went upstairs to flake out for a couple hours on one of our beds. He slept with the purity of a Mexican peasant, snoring loudly. I often wished I could sleep that easily amidst noise.

Anyhow: his mother finally died at 84, still vital and with hardly a gray hair on her head. We were brought up to see her as a saint, but I often remember her giving Meyer the business. Something had inhibited him, for as soon as she passed away he had his first successful courtship and married the woman who became our Aunt Anne. She moved into the house, re-decorated, and took bubby's place. Anne, born in the old country, both liked Meyer for his sweetness and kindness, but also yelled at him plenty. Increasingly as she grew deaf he would have to repeat himself to be heard; the guy who had always longed for attention was still having trouble getting it. She'd either yell or say nothing. He kept trying to kiss her; she'd smile, chide him, and withdraw.

Then he had a stroke, just after retirement. One of his arms dangled uselessly; he kept on trying to rub it back into usefulness. But he never complained about his infirmities, even as he grew incontinent, and even as his voice withered in direct proportion to his wife's increasing deafness. He'd also teeter uncertainly when walking and you wanted to lay odds on whether he'd actually reach his destination a few feet away. For hours at the kitchen table he'd sit and peruse the *Star* — a careful, voluminous reader to the end — and he'd teeter back in this chair, and you always thought he'd plop to the ground. Most of the time he didn't. He was still being yelled at this late in life.

The pictures here are from this stage of that failed existence. I was living far from Toronto then, but when I visited I was always amazed that Meyer could still mumble something cogent to me that he cared about my life. He'd also mumble about his wife's temper; even had he said it in a normal voice she couldn't have heard the charge. She would throw him a look and he'd have a slight smile on his face, eyes permanently glassy from the stroke. He was still in the Resistance, still watching himself with more powerful family members. Till the end he stayed in touch. He still had great ideas for inventions. What schemes was he hatching? I remember one on drawing electricity from Lake Ontario. He also watched modern shows on TV, and kept up with contemporary trends, including the sex revolution ("it's Lesbianism," he'd mumble to me). He was deeply curious about society and politics, even as death approached.

Well they say a picture is worth a thousand words, and these pictures taken by my talented nephew David Langer were done with such love and care that I think they are worth more than any words I could conjure up. Let's put it this way: Meyer, the family failure, always seemed interested in us; it was only fair that we show interest in him, and it hasn't come hard. May he rest in peace.

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Is There a Judeo-Christian Ethic?

by William Abrams

THE short answer is: no. This cryptic statement will undoubtedly astonish many of us who have become accustomed to hearing the "Judeo-Christian ethic" invoked, almost ritually, at every meeting of Christians and Jews.

Proponents of this idea will, of course, point to the incorporation of the Jewish "Tanakh" into the Christian canon in the guise of the "Old Testament", as proof positive of a common ethic. The matter, however, is not so simple. It is true that our "Tanakh" does set forth the ethical principles of Judaism as they were understood at the time of the closing of our Jewish canon (about the Third Century BCE). But the crucial point is not what ethical principles were set down at that time but how these principles have been interpreted by Jewish and Christian religious authorities during the two millenia that have elapsed. The famous American legal maxim, "The Constitution of the United States means what the Supreme Court says it means," is as valid in religion as it is in law. What we must recall is that until very recently, the average Christian was illiterate, and the average Jew could read Hebrew but could not understand it. Therefore, how the scholars and theologians of the two religions interpreted the ethical principles set forth in the Tanakh and how they incorporated them into the ritual and practices of the two religions (which their adherents *could* understand and lived by) is of paramount importance, transcending by far the influence of the text material itself. But the Christian interpretations of the values Christians lived by in their daily lives no longer stemmed from their Jewish heritage but from the interpretations placed upon it by Christian theologians.

Even more important, the Catholic church itself, by acting on its interpretation of these ethical principles, rapidly became the most powerful institution in Europe and produced important consequences — unfortunately mostly deleterious — on the political and social history of the people of Europe.

Control Of The Evil Impulse

To document these assertions, let us analyze how the two religions have dealt with the single most complex, persistent and ineradicable problem faced by the two religions — or, for that matter, any religion — the control of the evil impulse in man.

Judaism starts by accepting, as a basic psychological fact, that man, being created in the image of God, is born with "a spark of the divine," which is the "good instinct." But he also acquires, in his early youth, an "evil inclination." (Gen: VIII: 21 — for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.)

Christian theology developed the concept of "original sin" (that of Adam and Eve) to explain the evil impulse in human nature. But essentially, both religions have had to grapple with its existence and persistence and attempt to control it by exhortation, precept and ritual.

Without pretending to scientific accuracy, I think general agreement can be assumed on the observation that the evil instinct is complex and comprises a number of powerful drives or lusts. The three major lusts are those for sex, blood and power. (There are, of course, many minor evil instincts such as greed, pride and jealousy, most of which are dealt with in the "Al Chet" prayers on the Day of Atonement.)

It is when we examine closely how the three major lusts are dealt with in Jewish and Christian theology and traditions that these striking differences emerge. In summary, the Jews absolutely forbade any indulgence in the lusts for blood and power and attempted to absorb the lust for sex into the tradition by channeling it into the context of marriage. The Christians — and particularly Catholics — frowned on any indulgence in sex (except, grudgingly, by spouses for propagation only) and attempted to absorb the lusts for blood and for power by absorbing them into the Christian ritual.

An interesting illustration of the Jewish approach to the lusts for blood and power is found in the seven "Noachide" laws (by tradition given to Noah after the Flood), which set forth the conditions for the behaviour of the "righteous gentile" who, if he followed them, would have a share in the "world to come." Two of these seven laws are unusual (and are not included in the Ten Commandments): first, the setting up of courts of justice, obviously designed to curb the lust for power by protecting the weak from the strong; and second, the prohibition against eating flesh torn from a living animal, obviously designed to curb the lust for blood and cruelty. In the Noah story itself (Gen. 9:4), we read the following: "Only flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall yet not eat." Since the animal to be consumed is already dead, the obvious purpose of this verse and similar verses is to implant in the Jewish soul a horror of shedding and consuming blood unnecessarily. The rabbinic tradition then developed the complex laws of Kashruth. So well did these laws succeed that even today, it is well known as a peculiarity of Jews that they do not kill animals for sport: Jews do not hunt.

Most dangerous of all the lusts, however, is the lust for power. The lust for sex and for blood can be assuaged. This is because these two lusts are embedded deep within the physical essence of man and operate below the level of consciousness through the glands and hormones, which are constantly secreting and thus renewing their drive: they can be assuaged by the "frisson," the shuddering ecstatic release of nervous energy produced by the orgasm in sex and the sight of spilling of blood of a living creature. They are the chief components of what Freud has termed the "id," the wild, animalistic drives which man must learn to control if he is to live in civilized society. From society's point of view, the crucial difference between the two drives is that one can be satisfied without hurting anyone, and the other cannot. In popular parlance, nobody dies from sex, but when blood is shed, people die. That is why the moulders of the Jewish tradition wisely decided to channel the lust for sex but placed an absolute barrier against indulgence in bloodshed.

Lust For Power Is Boundless

Unlike these two drives, which, as we have said, can be assuaged, and where overindulgence will frequently result in actual revulsion, the lust for power can never be assuaged. It is, in a certain sense, less physical and more "intellectual" than the other two lusts, since it operates on the level of what Freud termed the "ego," the desire for self-importance that strives constantly to expand itself toward limits that are constrained only by the imagination, and that, of course, is boundless. The lust for power cannot be satisfied; it grows with feeding, like a noxious weed. It is, in short, insatiable. An imaginary, but most convincing, illustration of this limitless appetite can be found in a book that has become a French classic, "Memoirs of Hadrian" by M. Yourcenar. It purports to be a diary written by the Emperor Hadrian in his old age, after having wielded power for decades over one of the largest empires in history. He writes: "I could see myself as seconding the deity in his effort to give form and order to the world, to develop and multiply its convolutions, extensions and complexities. I was one of the spokes of the wheel, an aspect of that unique force caught up in the multiplicity of things. And it was at that time that I began to feel myself divine . . . If I make bold to such pretentions, it is because the feeling seems to be hardly extraordinary, and not at all unique. Other besides me have felt it, or will do so in time to come." One need only recall the names of Napoleon, Hitler and Stalin to recognize how prescient was this last statement.

The Jews were so sensitized by their tradition to the dangers of this lust for power that they accepted the idea of a King of Israel only grudgingly and temporarily. Kings have played a very small role in the 4,000 years of Jewish history, and the two kings

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SAINT LOUIS SQUARE, 1938 — JACK BEDER

who had an influence that extended beyond their lifetime were not remembered, as almost all non-Jewish kings are, for their military conquests. (It is worth noting that even today, as loyal subjects of Queen Elizabeth, we Canadians ask God, in the words of our national anthem to "send her victorious," thus illustrating the persistance of the idea of kingliness as the embodiment of power and of military might.) The two kings Jews revere are Solomon, for his wisdom, and David, as the "sweet singer of songs to the Lord." No Jewish king is today lauded for his power.

Furthermore, so great was the mistrust of power in Judaism that there developed an institution of prophecy. Where else in the history of a people does one find not one but a succession of powerless men so inspired by the passion for justice that they did not hesitate to denounce any king who used power unjustly? And these prophets, and not the kings they denounced, are the ones who are venerated in our tradition. There are, therefore, very few kings and heroes, and no saints in Judaism. All our role models are men without power, whose authority rests not on their bloodlines or military ability but on their knowledge and wisdom, which each had to acquire for himself.

A further consequence of the absolute prohibition against the possible accumulation of power by religious leaders was that no institutionalized religious authority, appointed from above, has been permitted to develop in the Diaspora; no Jewish theocracies which imposed adherence to stated dogma; no attempt to convert non-believers by force; and, most important, no killing of supposed backsliders or heretics. It is true that the "cherem," or excommunication, was a powerful weapon against unorthodox behaviour, but the use of force of any kind to ensure adherence to dogma was contrary to Jewish tradition.

Judaism Bars Vicarious Atonement

Another fundamental chasm between the theological systems of the two religions was opened by the introduction into Christianity of the notion of vicarious atonement for sinful acts. Although the whole ministry of Jesus depends on this notion, it has been rigidly barred from Judaism throughout its history.

A clear example of the consequence of this theological split can be seen in the different approaches of the two religions to the concept of holiness, as exemplified by the "saint" in Christianity and the "tzaddik" in Judaism.

The Jewish "tzaddik" is almost always a "Talmud chochem," one who is learned in the Torah and acquires a reputation as a scholar and teacher. But he not only teaches, he practices the "mitzvot" contained in the Torah and, as a result, achieves control of his "yetzer hora" greater than that achieved by the ordinary Jew. He thereby inevitably acquires an aura of holiness or "saintliness" and becomes not only a teacher but, in his own person, a role model. This has sometimes led to a certain confusion between the Jewish concept of a "tzaddik" and the Christian concept of a "saint."

The Christian saint is not always, or even generally, a scholar and teacher. There are many non-intellectual paths to sainthood in Christianity: acts of selflessness or charity; a monastic life withdrawn from society, devoted to prayer and meditation; martyrdom; and even, as we have indicated, military exploits against non-Christians. Christian sainthood is conferred from above, by the Church authorities; it is not acquired by general consensus. And the most important difference of all is the function of the saint in Christendom. The saint is not merely a role model but an intermediary with the deity, a worker of miracles and a mitigator of sins. Once again, the fundamental distinction between Judaism and Christianity emerges: the continuing Christian search for an intermediary, for "vicarious" atonement for sins, for some form of intercession with God — all of which are rigidly and eternally rejected by Judaism. The idea of "praying to" a "tzaddik," of lighting candles before his statue or asking for miracles from him would be considered idolatrous by the "tzaddik" and by any informed Jew.

If we turn to the history of Christianity, not only in its theology but in its actual practices, we see how startlingly different they were from what has been outlined above. To repeat, Christianity attempted to prohibit the lust for sex and to sublimate the lust for blood and power by absorbing them into the Christian tradition and institutions. To accomplish this, they had to impose on their adherents what Judaism, the parent religion, had absolutely denied: the possibility of vicarious power (from kings and heroes) and of vicarious atonement (from Jesus and from saints). Furthermore, they had to overcome the horror of both shedding and drinking blood that had been implanted in their Jewish forbears over the centuries, their deep-rooted suspicion of power, their refusal to use force for conversion and against heretics, and their refusal to accept an imposed religious hierarchy.

All this was accomplished by the powerful effect of the Jesus story, based on the central idea that Jesus was the son of God, to whom all things are possible. Once the idea of vicariousness, of atonement by Jesus for the sins of mankind, had gained credence, all other forms of vicariousness also became possible. This led to the notion that a person who was entirely human could become a pope, Jesus's vicar on earth, who could in turn delegate his authority from above to the hierarchy of priests and thus to the institution of the church. The decision was made by the Catholic church for priestly celibacy, and the prohibition of sex except for propagation. The ritual of the Eucharist, during which the faithful drink the wine and eat the wafer which miraculously become the flesh and blood of Jesus, was an attempt to channel the lust for blood into sacred purposes.

Lust For Blood And Power Entrenched In Christianity

Once this infrastructure was in place, the lusts for blood and power were firmly entrenched within Christianity. These led inevitably to the emergence of the Holy Roman Emperor in the early history of Christianity, a person who had both sacred and secular power, to the Crusades, in which the Christian knight or hero made war for sacred purposes (to convert the heathen), and medieval history is replete with accounts of the lives of powerful kings and heroes who were first revered and finally worshipped as saints for purely military exploits.

Viewed from this analysis of the "yetzer hara" that the Jewish tradition accepted, these attempts to channel the lusts for blood and power were foredoomed to failure, because they were based on a faulty understanding of human nature and of the insidious power of these lusts. That is why Christian history presents a spectacle of popes attempting to gain secular power and playing politics with kings; of kings attempting to arrogate to themselves religious authority in the guise of the "divine" right of kings; of Crusaders killing, looting and raping ostensibly in the name of Christ; of the horrors of the Inquisition, burning people to "save their souls"; of the terrible devastation caused by century-long religious wars (still going on in our day in Ireland). No wonder there finally ensued a revulsion, not only against Christianity, but against religion in general, which gave rise to 19th Century atheism and 20th Century secularism or humanism.

These are the reasons why attempts to seek a common "Judeo-Christian ethic" — however well-intentioned they may be — are, in my view, historically and theologically unsound. This does not mean, however, that Christians and Jews have no common meeting ground or that the efforts to find such common ground are doomed to failure.

There are, in fact, important tasks for Christians and Jews to undertake together. These are not, however, to search the past for pathways to theological "rapprochement"; they are to explore opportunities for joint social action in the present and future.

Joint Social Action

Here we are on safer theological ground. Both religions have a messianic vision of the future, however differently they may be interpreted. We Jews look forward to the first coming of our Messiah; Christians to the second coming of theirs. But within each religion, there is an active and growing impulse toward grappling with universal social problems: poverty, racism, sexism, environmental pollution, and, above all, the threat of nuclear holocaust. Those who are actively pursuing such activities as an integral element of their religious commitment are still in a minority in both religions. Both religions have historical traditions which have militated against such activities, until recently.

Despite the Jewish tradition that "tikkun olam," the redeeming of this world, will hasten the coming of the Messiah, we Jews have had to deal with continual anti-Semitic persecutions, which forced us to look inward to the preservation of our own community rather than outward to the world at large. During the last thirty years, however, a remarkable development has taken place. It has become evident, as fully documented in Charles Silberman's recent book, "A Certain People," that the Jews have grown in strength and affluence and have seen the rapid dismantling of institutionalized anti-Semitism. They are finally emerging from their long-held self-perception as victims and pariahs and are beginning to speak and act on behalf of universal social causes.

Christians have had to overcome their own serious theological obstacles to social action. This is best illustrated by a book written as recently as the last decade by two Christian theologians, Muggeridge and Vidler, titled "Paul — Envoy Extraordinary." They write: "The heart of the Christian Gospel was not in the Sermon of the Mount . . . but in what Paul had proclaimed about salvation or "justification" by faith and by grace . . . men are incapable of putting themselves right with the all-holy God, or of justifying themselves by anything they can do. They cannot save themselves, still less save the world or bring in the Kingdom of God, however hard they try. When Paul said that "a man is not justified by works or the law but through faith in Jesus Christ," what he said was true, *not only of the words or good deeds prescribed by Jewish law*, but of any conceivable scheme by which men imagined they could perfect themselves and put the world to rights." (emphasis added)

Despite these traditional obstacles, on both sides, changing historical conditions have led to a growing realization that technology is shrinking our world so rapidly as to make time and space increasingly irrelevant; there is no group, no nation, no continent that can afford to insulate itself today from the world's problems and pursue only its own parochial interests.

What is happening, therefore, is that Christians, realizing these facts, are now beginning to act out the fundamental Jewish tenet of the pursuit of social justice in this world, thus reversing traditional Christian theology on two points: the primacy of "faith" over "works" and the emphasis on seeking salvation in the next world, rather than social justice in this one.

In a recent article in the Montreal Gazette (Oct. 31/87), Gregory Baum, described as "the most successful public theologian in Canadian history," is quoted as saying:

"The explosion of solidarity in the Christian churches, expressed in a practical struggle for peace and justice, is a turning-point, an event possibly of world-historical importance. It represents nothing less than a reversal of Christian history."

A Possible Judeo-Christian Agenda

This now opens the door to the possibility — not of a Judeo-Christian ethic — but of a Judeo-Christian agenda. Much goodwill and energy have been expended in the past on Jewish-Christian dialogue, and many misconceptions concerning the true relationship between Judaism and Christianity have been clarified — as Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg has documented in his recent book, "The Christian Problem: A Jewish View." These dialogues should continue, but the very nature of their theological subject matter, the participants must be limited to the scholars of both religions.

We should also recognize that the primary Jewish objective in the Jewish-Christian dialogues has not been to seek a common Judeo-Christian ethic. Rabbi Mordechai Waxman, who recently led the Jewish delegation to the Vatican and who delivered the message of the Jewish community to John Paul II in Miami, has stated our objective candidly in a recent interview in the 'Jewish World' (Sept. 25, 1987). He said: "By and large, the relationship between Jews and Catholics is a one-way relationship; we are not giving them anything. We are asking things from them. There is nothing we can give them . . . There have been changes in (their) theological positions and we finally got their ear on other matters. Ten years ago they wouldn't talk about Israel."

The time has now come, in my view, to broaden the scope of these discussions and invite concerned laity to participate. Now that the theological underbrush has been largely, though not entirely, cleared away, it is time to focus on a common agenda, rather than a common ethic. That agenda is to combine our efforts toward joint social action to bring about a better future we all desire for this world — and leave the final resolution of our theological differences to God.

Graduating From Kindergarden Eve and Feminism

by Eugene and Rhoda Kaellis

THE Golden Age Myth is a recurrent theme which gains strength in the *Zeitgeist* of any period laden with travail and uncertainty. Based on the fantasy of a distant past when people lived in innocence and harmony before their corruption by civilization, it found its most explicit secular expression in Rousseau's 'noble savage' concept, and enjoys a significant resurgence today in various counter-culture movements.

Its most important, widespread, and enduring expression is in Biblical metaphor of the Garden of Eden. In Christianity, the Fall from Grace followed by expulsion from the garden is theologically the most significant part of the book of Genesis and gave rise to the doctrine of original sin. Judaism never drew that conclusion, maintaining belief in a free-will choice between good and evil. However, attitudes toward women and femininity by Christians and Jews are significantly affected by Chapter Three of the Book of Genesis.

One can speculate that the resentment toward Eve as the temptress, expressed in the form of condemning women to difficult birthing, reflects the ambivalence men feel toward women's childbearing capability. In spite of the long-standing, pre-biological concept that heredity is determined solely by men, with women nothing more than procreational "pots", there is ample evidence that this derogatory concept derives from man's envy of the enormous potency gestation and birthing represent. Oedipal drives, and subconscious resentment for having been thrust by birth into a world which never fulfills desires nor meets expectations may be other reasons for antagonism toward women.

In Jewish tradition, by first sinning and then inducing Adam to sin, Eve demonstrates ingratitude toward, and denies her love for, and duty to, God. By her acts, she, and then Adam, separate themselves from an innocent relationship with the Divine. Thereafter they and their descendants have to re-attain that relationship through the spiritual purification of suffering and death.

In Christianity, lust plays a key role in the Fall. St. Thomas Aquinas, for example, states succinctly, "Original sin is lust . . .", whereas in Judaism the fundamental sin is presuming on God's power by excessive pride manifested in disobedience, as in the case of Adam and Eve.

Feminist View Of God As Male Chauvinist

While many feminists are critical, probing, and analytical in other matters, they accept a traditional and literal interpretation of Chapter Three of Genesis and naturally resent Eve's portrayal as the temptress responsible for the expulsion. They also perceive God as a male chauvinist for meting out special and unfair punishment to her in the form of excessive difficulty in birthing, viz., "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; . . ." Genesis 3:16. Adam, condemned to a life of toil, was also "punished"; but, feminists object, women work too.

By assuming its metaphorical character the episode can be interpreted in other ways. Adam and Eve, for example, can be seen not as two isolated, unique individuals, but rather as early prototypical hominoids just descended from the trees and evolving under God's natural law.

A Metaphorical Interpretation

The Bible commonly speaks of God's parental love, a love typically accompanied by anxiety at the thought of children "growing up". As any worried parents put off the day of their children's autonomy, fearing it will be more than they can handle, God admonished Adam and Eve not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge. Like curious adolescents, they disobeyed.

To use the language of Martin Buber — once they ate the fruit, Eve and Adam lost the innocence of their "I-Thou relationship" — holistic, non-judgemental, non-assessing, free of use-value and analysis, and without expectations — with God, nature, and each other. As they developed dominant egos resulting in a sharp separation between self and non-self, the I-Thou relationship in large measure was replaced by I-it experiences: discerning properties, searching for utility, evaluating, and judging. Along with its potential for exploitation and alienation, the I-It experience offers human beings the means for independent survival. For example, as soon as they become aware of their nakedness, Adam and Eve, by making fig leaves into aprons, fashion from their environment things useful to them (Genesis 3:7).

But this does not tell us why Eve, not Adam, is seduced by the serpent (an ancient sexual symbol) into eating the forbidden fruit. That they clothe their nakedness immediately afterward indicates they understood that sex is not only pleasurable, but also procreative and powerful; it can result in important consequences and therefore demands respect and responsibility. Nakedness and sex could no longer be taken casually.

Would Adam, the prototypical hominoid male, the killer "ape" who spent most of his time away from the settlement hunting, be more likely to make the connection between his numerous more-or-less indiscriminate, sexual contacts and their outcomes, or would Eve, the female, for whom one sexual experience could have resulted in pregnancy?

Although God warned that the consequence of eating of the Tree of Knowledge would be death, Adam and Eve did not die after their expulsion; they came instead to know mortality. Who would be the first to understand that life is a hundred percent fatal — man, always on the move, often killed in hunting or combat, rarely if ever dying naturally at an advanced age, or woman, relatively safe in a settlement, who noticed that no matter how long and tranquilly people around her lived, death eventually took them all?

Eve Not Adam Is First Human

If two major attributes of humanity are understanding the relationship between sex and procreation, and knowing mortality, it seems likely, therefore, that Eve achieved the distinction of becoming human before Adam.

This may explain Eve's initiative, but it doesn't explain God's "punishment" for it.

Approached from the point-of-view of punishment, any answer reflects poorly on God's mercy and the human estate. God created natural law so the universe could run without constant divine intervention. What followed eating of the Tree of Knowledge was not punishment, but prognostication, a listing of consequences under natural law of becoming human, which meant standing upright, allowing the forelimbs the freedom to make tools in the vocation of agriculture (". . . in toil shall you eat of it [i.e., the ground] all the days of your life." Genesis 3:17). However, adaptation is never perfect, and upright posture imposed problems, most of which — low back pains, varicosities, fallen arches, etc. — are still shared by both sexes. For women, an additional problem arose. In addition to a pelvis incompletely adapted to supporting what had become a vertical spine, the pelvic organs are not well-adapted for the easy delivery of a fetus.

In his book "The Naked Ape" Desmond Morris states, "There is a basic anatomy of the female vaginal passage, the angle of which has swung forward to a marked degree, when compared with other species of primates." Conceding that this movement results from assuming vertical posture, Morris does not think that accounts fully for the acuteness of the angle. Elaine Morgan, in "The Descent of Woman", explains this exaggerated forward movement of the vagina and external genitalia by applying a theory proposed by Sir Alister Hardy in 1960.

Hardy postulated that at some point in human evolution the earth got so hot that for survival many terrestrial animals including humans took up a lengthy aquatic existence in the shallow littoral of the seas, emerging only a million years ago after a marine interval of ten million years. Morgan notes that most aquatic mammals have anterior genitalia and copulate face-to-face, suggesting that the relatively forward position of human female genitalia is a consequence of this aquatic existence. There are now, of course, other evolutionary forces which maintain the anterior position or are causing a further shift forward.

Since contemporary aquatic mammals such as whales have neither legs nor an upright posture, this anterior movement has not resulted in the same juxtaposition of vagina and uterus existing in humans.

Biological Consequence Of Humanness On Childbirth

Whatever the evolutionary explanation, the extreme angle between the vagina and uterus in women creates the problem of birthing with pain and difficulty.

Examining sagittal sections through the pelvis of various mammals shows this angle in humans is almost exactly 90 degrees compared with an oblique angle of about 150 degrees in a typical quadruped mammal, the cow. The human fetus is forced to negotiate an exit more tortuous by far than that of any other mammalian fetus. The problems and risks of childbirth are thereby considerably increased for the mother. Moreover, the fetus must exit through a relatively cramped opening as a result of: 1) the incurving of the lower spine (sacrum and coccyx) associated with the loss of a tail; and 2) the relative narrowness of the pelvis, which makes walking and running more efficient but creates additional birthing problems. In most modern obstetrical practice these problems are compounded by conventional, but largely inappropriate, positions for childbirth.

God could just as well have warned about other results of incomplete adaptation to upright posture — cardiovascular and orthopedic disorders, for instance — but childbirth is the most significant. The obstetrical prognosis exemplifies the typical realism of the Hebrew Testament, as does the description of agricultural work in the same chapter (3:19).

Biological Intellectual And Spiritual Results Of Eve's Act

Thus the third chapter of Genesis describes biologically, intellectually, and spiritually a necessary stage in human development. Biologically, humans assumed an upright posture, benefitting while suffering the concurrent physiological problems. Intellectually, they assumed dominion over the organic world with their expanded intelligence and newfound egos while experiencing the effects of alienation and exploitation of one another and nature. Spiritually, they took the first step toward union with God, no longer as innocent and unaware children, but as maturing, self-conscious and responsible adults.

Instead of admiring Eve for leading us into the human condition, we have been habituated to thinking of her in negative terms as the temptress who lured our species into disaster.

However, if we see humanness as a risky but nonetheless high estate which, although it can be degraded easily, can also lead to spiritual fulfillment, we might think affectionately of the Mother of Us All and say a beracha (blessing) in Eve's memory. And while we're at it, we might also honor Adam for taking some good advice from her so the two could start the process of growing up together.

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